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Ofira Navon [left] and Mirial Small.

Mrs. Navon plans visit to Canada

TORONTO —

Ofira Navon, First Lady of Israel, will make her first visit to Canada in January to launch Project Enrichment for Hadassah-WIZO.

Mirial Small, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, said the object of the project is to raise funds for the schools Hadassah supports in Israel. "The project will help the schools absorb more young people and give them an opportunity to obtain training for a professional or technical career," she added.

Mrs. Navon's itinerary includes a reception in Toronto on Jan. 10 at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club and another reception in Montreal on Jan. 11 at the Four Seasons Hotel. While she is in Montreal, Mrs. Navon will meet with the national executive of Hadassah-WIZO.

She will also be received in Ottawa by Lily Schreyer, wife of the Governor-General.

Ullman loves Israel

JERUSALEM
(JNI via CZF) —

The PLO may boast Vanessa Redgrave but Israel and her children have Liv Ullman, who toured Israel recently "in the footsteps of Henrietta Szold," on the 120th anniversary of the birth of Hadassah's founder.

"I feel very strongly that the State of Israel must survive the way it is," declared the film star. "Anything that endangers Israel endangers the future of the Jewish people and the place they call their own," she said.

Before traveling to Somalia, Ethiopia and Djibouti for UNICEF, Ullman repeatedly stressed her support for Israel and Jewish children, pledging to approach UNICEF with First Lady Ofira Navon's proposal to establish "refugee cities" for orphans around the world.

Since her first role at the age of 18 as Holocaust victim Anne Frank to her most recent refusal to act alongside Redgrave as a Holocaust survivor, Ullman has stressed the "incomparable injury suffered by the Jewish people during the Holocaust." During an emotional visit to Yad Vashem, she recalled that her grandfather, a member of the Norwegian anti-Nazi underground, died in the Dachau concentration camp.

"We will remember," she wrote in the museum's guest book.

UJA's priority stressed

TORONTO —

An authorization and controls committee which will guard against conflicting campaigns among Toronto's many fund raising organizations is expected to swing into action shortly.

The seven-man committee will comprise three members of Toronto Jewish Congress, two representing the Israel-based institutions and two from the local ones. The setup was proposed earlier this year at a representative gathering of the city's diverse fund raising community. Chairing that session was Dr. Ralph Halbert, national president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

The committee, working in conjunction with Toronto Jewish Congress, will be responsible for clearing and approving all community campaign dates, and Congress will calendarize the events. If there is deviation from clearly established committee guidelines, TJC will have a range of countering measures at its disposal.

Topping the list of conflicting events which the committee expects to deal with are high-profile functions such as those which, in the past, took place during the United Jewish Appeal campaign span. "Prior to this year," said Dr. Halbert, "such functions — usually of a one-shot nature in the form of fund raising dinners or special evenings — were so numerous and ill timed that they threatened to negate the primacy of the UJA as the Jewish community's main campaign arm."

One of the counter measures which can be taken against organizations which do not abide by the rules laid down by the committee is to advise the community at large that an event has not been properly cleared.

Dr. Halbert declined to specifically name organizations which might come under scrutiny by the committee. But he did state that "whatever its future actions, the panel will act solely on fact. Certainly it is not the committee's function or desire to move in an unjust manner."

Halbert concluded by emphasizing that the UJA campaign "is recognized as extending from Oct. 1 to April 30 and with the exception of the Jewish National Fund's Negev dinner, all other campaigns must be held between May 1 and Oct. 31."

PLO reception ignored

BONN [JTA] —

A reception given here by the PLO to mark "international solidarity day with the Palestinian people" failed to attract prominent West German political figures. The foreign ministry sent two low-ranking officials, probably reflecting the West German government's re-thinking of its Middle East stance. Last year Bonn was represented by a high-ranking official plus several West German notables.

The PLO blamed the absence of many would-be guests on bad weather. The Soviet Union and China were represented.

CJC task force urges help for smaller centres

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Jewish Congress task force on small Jewish communities has presented the CJC national executive with a list of recommendations aimed at helping small, isolated Jewish communities throughout the country.

The task force, co-chaired by Orin Krivel of Regina and David Attis of Moncton, delivered its 10-page report at a recent national executive meeting here.

The task force was set up in response to a resolution passed at last May's CJC plenary asking that a "new department . . . be established . . . devoted to developing programs, materials and support services (for small Jewish communities) for their cultural, educational and religious requirements directly on a national basis without regard to geographic location."

Shortly after the plenary, CJC national officers appointed the task force and gave it a fourfold mandate:

- to investigate the needs of Jews living in small communities across Canada
- to identify potential cultural, educational and religious support services which are needed
- to delineate what are local, regional and national responsibilities
- to recommend to the CJC national officers a specific structure, program and budgetary requirement necessary to service adequately the needs of Jews living in small communities.

Staffed by CJC assistant executive director Stan Urman, the task force sent out letters to more than 100 Jewish communities throughout Canada to "obtain local leadership's perceptions on priorities and expectations in meeting their Jewish needs."

According to the reports from the more than 40 letters received in response to the survey, three major concerns surfaced — Jewish education, Jewish content and programming and religious services.

As well as recommending the establishment of a permanent national committee to service the needs of small communities and hiring a part-time professioanl to staff the committee, the task force suggested numerous ways in which small communities could be helped in terms of programs.

These include:

- Awarding one - time grants to communities to "ensure their religious, educational and cultural survival. "After the [illegible] grant," it would be up to each community to ensure the continuing financial viability of the project without an annual CJC allocation.
- Instituting a placement service to inform and assist communities in the hiring of Jewish teachers, rabbis and shoichets.
- Organizing training seminars on a regional basis which would then allow Jewish communities to organize and run their own Jewish programming.
- Establishment of cross-country tours sponsored by Congress to provide small communities with cultural and educational programs.
- Development of pre-packaged programs to provide resources material and technical information to assist local residents in holding their own Jewish community programs.
- Establihsment of a "Jewish peace corps" to permit teachers, youth workers and prospective Jewish community professionals to serve a period of internship and training in small Jewish communities across Canada.
- Development of a national newsletter to provide a cal-

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Berlin-born Jewish senator to be named to crucial foreign relations committee

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Republic Senator Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, a Berlin-born Jew whose parents fled Nazi Germany for the U.S. when he was three years old, is going on the senate foreign relations committee — a development enthusiastically welcomed by Israel officials and other pro-Israel activists on Capitol Hill.

Boschwitz, a strong supporter of Israel, can be expected to fill the vacuum created by the departure from the committee of two other Jews defeated in their bids for re-election: Republican Senator Jacob Javits of New York and Democratic Senator Richard Stone of Florida.

With Boschwitz a member of the key senate panel, the Minnesota lawmaker will probably emerge as the leading pro-Israel spokesman among the six Jews who will serve in the 97th senate. The other five are Republicans Warren Rudman of New Hampshire and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Democrats Edward Zorinsky of Nebraska, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio and Carl Levin of Michigan. Zorinsky is also a member of the foreign relations committee but in the past has never taken a leadership stance on Israel.

Jewish members of the house and senate have always recognized the special roles they play among their non-Jewish collegues as far as Israel is concerned. Their positions on sensitive issues can be decisive in swaying a roll call.

Thus, the decision by outgoing Democratic Senator Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut to support the Carter administration's 1978 package sale of F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia was probably the single most effective weapon the administration had in winning that legislative battle. If a Jew like Ribicoff could vote for the sale, the reasoning went, why couldn't the non-Jews?

Many senators look to the Jewish members for guidance on issues affecting Israel and on other matters of Jewish concern, like Soviet emigration.

There was also some other good news for Israel when it was learned that Republican Senator Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland would become a member of the foreign relations committee. In general, Mathias has been a friend of Israel even though he voted for the Saudi plane sale. A year after that vote, he signed a letter expressing some serious reservations about it.

The committee, which will be chaired by Republican Charles Percy of Illinois, must approve all economic and military aid programs. Israel, which receives nearly $2 billion in combined U.S. aid every year, is the largest individual foreign aid recipient.

Speaking recently before the American Zionist Federation's sixth biennial convention at Grossinger's, the new executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) was surprisingly not gloomy in assessing the upcoming session of Congress, despite the loss of so many solid, pro-Israel supporters.

Thomas A. Dine, a former legislative assistant to Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts who succeeded Morris J. Amitay as AIPAC's executive director, suggested that the foreign relations committee "will no longer be the sweetheart committee we once knew." This was apparently a reference to the tenure of ousted Democratic Chairman Frank Church of Idaho.

Dine was blunt in characterizing Percy. "Until his trip to Israel, Egypt, Lebanon and other places in 1975," Dine said, "he had a model 9-year record. Then he turned cool towards Israel, championing Sadat and calling Arafat — with whom he met — a 'relative moderate.'

"Since the trip, he has repeatedly said that Israel must solve the Palestinian problem, and that America's economy is linked to a Middle East peace. Late in his 1978 re-election campaign when he faced a serious challenger, Percy returned to the pro-Israel fold."

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ANALYSIS

European nations plan to meet Arab League

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite Israeli opposition, the European Economic Community (EEC) has decided to press ahead with its initiative to augment the Camp David peace process.

At their recent two-day winter summit in Luxembourg, EEC leaders voted to hold a new round of talks with countries of the Middle East in pursuit of a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Last June, in Venice, Italy, the EEC declared that the PLO must be "associated" with Middle East peace negotiations and that the Palestinians must be "placed in a position to exercise fully (their) right to self-determination."

Israel, interpreting the EEC recommendations to mean the Europeans favored the idea of a PLO-controlled Palestinian state, denounced the EEC's initiative. Only with the greatest of reluctance did Prime Minister Menachem Begin agree to see the EEC representative, Gaston Thorn, when he visited Israel as part of a Middle Eastern tour.

Thorn, the foreign minister of Luxembourg, returned to Israel for the second time in the autumn, only to find that the Israelis were still lukewarm.

In spite of Israel's attitude toward their diplomacy, the Europeans intend to pursue their course because they are convinced that the autonomy talks are hopelessly stalled. They feel they can inject life into the moribund spirit of Camp David.

This is why, at their summit, the Europeans opted to "give substance" to last June's Venice declaration. While the EEC met in Luxembourg, Israel's foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, was on a swing through Western Europe.

In Bonn and Paris, he urged caution upon the EEC. At a dinner hosted by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Shamir said: "We cannot agree to decisions or plans that are worked out without being discussed with us." Israel, he emphasized, would not negotiate with the PLO, which he branded as a "murder organization." In Paris, where he talked with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Shamir warned that Israel "does not accept the premises of the Venice declaration."

Israel's misgivings notwithstanding, the EEC — concerned about the flow of Arab oil and the potential for Soviet penetration of the Middle East — has no intention to call off its initiative.

Next summer, probably in June or July, the EEC will convene the first ministerial conference between itself and the Arab League. The scheduled meeting grows out of a mid-November gathering in which EEC and Arab League officials participated.

The Arab delegation held out the prospect that the question of energy supplies, hitherto excluded from the Euro-Arab dialogue, could become a subject for direct negotiation. In ordinary circumstances, the Euro-Arab dialogue confines itself to economic and commercial problems. If energy matters are placed on the agenda, so, presumably, will political issues. If this happens, the EEC and the Arabs may move closer to each other's positions on a 'Middle East settlement.

But until then, the Europeans will have to overcome several obstacles:

First, there is no EEC consensus on how to achieve the generally agreed goal of providing the Palestinians with the opportunity to negotiate for nationhood in return for Israel's right to exist within secure borders.

Second, any concrete diplomatic effort by the EEC will probably have to await a resolution of the Iran-Iraq war, which has caused deep fissures in the Arab world.

Third, the victory of Ronald Reagan in the U.S. elections has complicated the situation.

Fourth, opposition from within EEC ranks makes unanimity difficult. For example: Edward Heath, Britain's former prime minister, has criticized the EEC for its failure to demand that the PLO recognize Israel's permanent existence.

Faced with these problems, an EEC initiative is not necessarily assured of any success, either ornamental or substantive.

First bris held in Yellowknife

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT —

For the first time in the history of Yellowknife, a religious service conducted by a rabbi was held here on Nov. 4 for the Jewish community in this city North of 60.

Rabbi D. Postone of Calgary officiated at the bris of Nathaniel, son of David and Marianne Moll of Yellowknife, in the home of Harold and Zelda Glick. The sadek was Jack Lyman and the Glicks served as godparents.

Mrs. Glick prepared and served a delicious Arctic char buffet supper for the guests.

Another first on that occasion was that a minyan-plus was present — it was the first time there were at least 10 Jewish men gathered at the same place in Yellowknife. This was something that has never happened here before.

Yellowknife has a population of 10,000 people but has only one permanent family (the Glicks). A handful of Israelis and Canadian Jews come and go — holding various jobs with different levels of government.

Present at the bris to honor David and Marianne Moll (it was their second son) were Sheldon and Debbie Nider and family from Cambridge Bay; David Kravitz, from Rankin Inlet; Mrs. Eva Marcus and son David and Jack Lyman, from Edmonton; Alan and Diane Selzor, Murray and Marilyn Glick, Harold and Zelda Glick, Jeff Glick, Debra Goldberg, Graham and Analiese Gillan, all from Yellowknife and maternal grandmother Mrs. Mary Kroeker, from St. Catharines, Ont.

Deadlines for Jan. 8

Because of the New Year holiday, the deadline for Jan. 8 issue of The CJN is advanced.

Deadline for advertising is Tuesday, December 30 at 2 p.m. and deadline for editorial copy is Monday, December 29 at 5 p.m.

Arabs doing okay as Israeli citizens

JERUSALEM
(JNI via CZF) —

Israel has done more for its Arab citizens over the last 30 years than any Arab state has accomplished for its inhabitants, Mattityahu Shmuelevitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, told the editorial staff of the Arabic daily, Al-Anba.

Citing data from the 1979 Israel Statistical Abstract, Shmuelevitz said that only 15% of Arab children attended school in 1949, whereas in 1979, 92% enrolled. While one Arab high school existed 30 years ago, 96 operated in 1979.

The statistics also showed an increase in Arab life expectancy from 47 to 72 years. Israeli Arabs have the highest world rate of natural increase, with one of the lowest mortality rates.

Conversely, the statistics indicated, Israel's Jewish birth rate remained 74% lower than that of non-Jews, reflecting the lowest overall birth rate since 1967 of 7.8 per thousand inhabitants.

Yet while only 2% of world Jewry lives in Israel, Israeli births constitute over 40% of world Jewish population growth.

The statistics indicate a systematic aging process in Diaspora communities, compared to non-Jewish populations. The percentage of elderly (over 65) in the world Jewish population is twice that of the elderly sector in the rest of the world. The percentage of Jewish children (under 14) is half that of the world average.

The statistics predicted a total Israeli population by the end of 1980 of 4 million, 3,280,000 of them Jews.

Ceremony in Winnipeg

B'nai B'rith praised for bringing Eastern, Western Canada together

WINNIPEG —

It was the fulfilment of a dream.

And the themes of nationalism and unity were right on.

Eastern and Western B'nai B'rith lodges merged last weekend marking the birth of an independent all-Canadian B'nai B'rith entity, within the international organization.

The ceremonies were attended by Winnipeg Mayor William Norrie, provincial minister of health L. R. Sherman and about 150 Winnipeg Jewish community leaders and representatives of B'nai B'rith.

Mayor Norrie officially pronounced the month of January as B'nai B'rith membership month in Winnipeg.

Norrie said: "Perhaps the rest of Canada should take an example from B'nai B'rith." He noted "that it is a real occasion to hear about amalgamation in Canadian history."

The mayor also referred to B'nai B'rith's activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry. "Through its fulfilment . . . of concern for human rights, Canadian B'nai B'rith performs a service for the whole community, indeed for the world," he said.

Sherman described B'nai B'rith as a fixture of life in Manitoba, and also praised the organization for bringing East and West together in true Canadian and B'nai B'rith fashion.

"Canadian Jewry's oldest and largest service organization is embarking on a path of truer and firmer progress and will have a voice that is truly all Canadian, Sherman said.

National president Ted Greenfield presented Marvin Samphir, president of the Central Canadian Council, with a new banner and hand engraved charter, incorporating the region into Canadian B'nai B'rith.

In making the presentation, Greenfield pledged that Canadian B'nai B'rith would strive to meet the challenge "to unify the family of Canada, the family of B'nai B'rith and the family of man."

At the conclusion of a luncheon program, commemorative plaques were presented by Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of Canadian B'nai B'rith, to all the past presidents of the Central Canadian Council for their contributions to that body.

Prior to the luncheon, participants were welcomed to the day long program by Mendle M. Meltzer, elder statesman of B'nai B'rith, who worked diligently over the past months to facilitate the merger between the lodges in Eastern and Western Canada.

Meltzer referred to the day as "a milestone in the history of Canadian B'nai B'rith," and one which would be of profound significance for the future development of the Canadian Jewish community.

The assemby then broke up into a series of workshops geared to familiarize the members of the western lodges with some of the facets of the new programming that will be generated as a result of Canadian B'nai B'rith forming a national body with a national character.

The chairman for the amalgamation ceremonies was Howard Kideckel. Workshop chairmen were Robert Freedman, Walter K. Morris and Irving Greenberg. Jack Gutkin, Earl Heltay and Joe Elfenbaum officially thanked the workshop panelists.

Past presidents of the General Canadian Council who received plaques were: Earl J. Barish, S. J. Denaburg, Robert Floom, Robert Freedman, Jack Gutkin, Henry A. Katz, Henry N. Katz, Mike Kaufman, Louis Levine, Laurie Mainster, Mendle M. Meltzer, Walter K. Morris, Irv Sera, Sidney J. Spivak, Cy Waldman.

Among those at the presentation of BB's new charter to the Central Canadian Region were, [from left]: Marvin Samphir, Frank Dimant, Ted Greenfield and Mendle Meltzer.

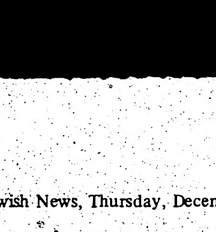
World News

Dispute over Moral Majority divides communities in U.S.

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A major controversy has broken out in the Jewish community of the United States. It has been brewing for some time now but it has come into the open. This time it is not merely a shouting match or some institutional prerogative that is at stake. It involves the community's perception of itself, of the U.S. and, last but not least, of Israel.

There is nothing new about divisions in the Jewish community. We have had them since the time of Moses. The latest focal point of dispute is Rev. Jerry Falwell, who heads Moral Majority, a conglomerate of Christian groups of the ultra-conservative wing who along with similar organizations have played a significant part in securing the election of Ronald Reagan.



Rabbi Gunther Plaut

While some fundamentalists believe that when Jews pray, God will not hear them, others disagree. All of them hope the Jews will eventually convert to Christianity and that for that purpose the Second Coming must be preceded by a Jewish ingathering in the Holy Land.

Fundamentalist Christians are therefore the most vocal and persistent supporters of Israel and of a strong pro-Israel American foreign policy.

There are those in the Jewish community who, while they welcome this support for Israel, nonetheless believe that Moral Majority undermines the social and political fabric of the United States . . . that its attempt to turn the country into a Christian community would make Jews ultimately into second class citizens.

Jewish critics of Moral Majority are convinced that temporary support for Israel is outweighed by the devastating damage that will be dealt to America and thereby the largest Jewish community in the world, and that in the end this will be catastrophic for Israel as well.

The fat was in the fire when several weeks ago Falwell received an award from Israeli Premier Menachem Begin "in recognition of many years of service to Israel and the Jewish people everywhere." Rabbi Alexander Schindler and others (among them Senator Frank Church) denounced this award while others praised it saying that support for Israel was the one overriding Jewish necessity.

Social activist Albert Vorspan called the emergent struggle one that is waged "for the character and the soul of America which could endure for many years, transcending the immediacies of politics and elections. The negativism, extremism and social meanness which these groups (like Moral Majority, Christian Voice, Religious Roundtable) represent can do grave injury to the traditions of political consensus, social compassion and religious pluralism which have been at the heart of the American system."

In rebuttal, Falwell denied that right wing religious fundamentalism fosters the growth of anti-semitism in the U.S. He called the assertion "false and absolutely without foundation" and was supported in his defence by Rabbi Abraham Hecht, president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Alliance of America. The latter called Schindler's charge that Falwell is encouraging anti-semitism "both scurrilous and inane . . ." As one who has met and co-operated with Moral Majority I can safely state that the ominous threats created by Schindler's fantasy are totally unfounded and devoid of truth."

Schindler, who is president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, insisted it was no coincidence that the rise of right wing Christian fundamentalism had been accompanied by "the most serious outbreak of anti-semitism in America since the end of World War II."

Hecht replied that "this equation is as valid as stating that inflation is caused by the affluence of the Jew." He then turned the controversy into an internecine Jewish affair, claiming that Schindler's "irreligious policies are a much greater threat to the existence and future of the Jewish people than any other religious group in America past, present or future."

This turn has an ominous ring. For, though the circumstances have changed, it brings back the nefarious spirit of the early 1950s. Then, too, the U.S. saw a rise in ultra-right power spearheaded by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Then too anti-semitism began to rise, and then, too, various factions in the Jewish community were set one against the other.

That brings about the odd and worrisome situation where one Jewish group looks for an alliance with Christians who want to convert us but love Israel, and another who seeks an alliance with Christians who are equally concerned about the future of American democracy but have an equivocal view of Israel.

The controversy has as yet not spread to Canada where religious and political conditions are somewhat different. But it might yet come here and the confrontation in the United States may well spill over the borders. If it does, I hope that our community will not be similarly divided.

Immigrant's suicide sparks debate

Repercussions haunt government

By SHELDON KIRHSNER

The suicide death of a Russian immigrant in Haifa last August has triggered a debate in Israel over how effective its officials have been in absorbing the flood of Soviet Jews streaming into the country.

Although four months have elapsed since Arkady Zitzerman killed himself by jumping from the fifth floor of an absorption centre, the repercussions arising out of the affair still haunt the government.

In November, a specially appointed inquiry committee, headed by retired judge Max Czernobilsky, ruled that officials could not be blamed for Zitzerman's suicide. He added that Zitzerman had "a strange and disordered personality," and that the "same circumstances would not have led a normal person to commit suicide."

The judge's conclusions were derided by a group of 170 Russian immigrants living in the absorption centre where Zitzerman took his life. They charged that the Jewish Agency probe was "a farce" and a poor attempt to conceal the truth.

Clearly, the committee's judgments represented an uncontested defeat for the immigrants: no Jewish Agency or absorption ministry clerks were dismissed, and none of their demands were implemented.

Moreover, their most effective spokesman, Yosef Tekoah, removed himself from the controversy by returning to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, which he heads. And a group of leading aliya activists from the Soviet Union founded a rival organization of Russian Jews.

Zitzerman's death, which sparked a wave of unrest in 15 absorption centres around Israel, had the effect of uncovering the problems which face Soviet Jews in their adopted land.

Educated and vocal, they want the basics of life: a job and a home. But like most Israelis, they prefer to live in cities along the populous coastal plain, or in Jerusalem. They'd rather not begin life anew in one of the country's remote and culturally - impoverished development towns.

For understandable reasons, the government's policy is to disperse the population, particularly to regions which sophisticated immigrants like the Russians would find bleak and inhospitable.

Russian immigrants who do not back down from this position are immediately in trouble on two grounds: a shortage of apartments — not to mention their astronomical price — and a lack of employment opportunities in the areas in which they wish to settle.

Far too often, faced by these awesome problems, Russian Jews opt to stay in absorption centres for inordinate periods of time. This, naturally, breeds frustration, resentment and a desire to leave Israel.

On the other hand, if they opt for a development town, the new immigrants sometimes discover that jobs and flats are just as scarce.

In the view of an increasing number of observers, the government's absorption machinery has not been up to the task at hand.

"There is no comprehensive approach towards absorption, no co-ordination, no logic," says Tekoah, Israel's former ambassador at the United Nations. Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin, who would be expected to choose his words carefully, was quoted as observing that "the time has come to study and rebuild the whole absorption system."

The Jerusalem Post charges that Israelis, given their attitude toward immigration, are partly to blame for the mess. The public mood, it claims, is one of "indifference," even non-sympathy, toward aliya.

Yet another factor comes into play: Israel's Sephardic Jews, many of whom are below the poverty line years after their arrival in the Jewish state. Through one of their leaders, Absorption Minister David Levy, the insinuation is heard that Russian Jews are getting more benefits than they ever did.

Levy claims that 95% of the immigrants who arrived between 1977 to 1979 received "permanent housing solutions," either through government flats, subsidized rents, mortgages or hostels. Critics counter by doubting his statistics and by pointing out that absorption centres do not constitute a "permanent housing solution."

Soviet Jews in the forefront of the movement spawned by Zitzerman's death are so upset with Levy that they have called for his resignation.

Meanwhile, the dust kicked up by l'affaire Zitzerman continues to swirl in the air.

Tekoah has been criticized by no less a personage than Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who declared recently that it was "malicious" for him to compare Israel with a "totalitarian state." The Ben-Gurion University president made the comparison at the height of the controversy, when tempers flared.

He has also been attacked from another quarter — the newly-formed Alliance of USSR and Eastern European Olim, set up to compete with the Soviet Immigrants Association, which spearheaded the nationwide absorption centre strikes earlier this year.

The alliance contends that Tekoah, who is identified with the Labor Party, intervened in the controversy to gain publicity for himself. And in a rebuke at the association, alliance leaders intimated it had its priorities all wrong.

Rather than focusing attention exclusively on internal problems, the alliance suggested that the association should concentrate on the growing number of Soviet Jews who "drop out," or who do not settle in Israel.

The charges and counter-charges have left no one satisfied, and have caused a rift in the ranks of Soviet Jewry in Israel. Arkady Zitzerman's suicide has certainly opened a wound in Israel's body politic.

Javits predicts Reagan policies better for Israel

BOSTON —

Addressing over 500 lay and rabbinic leaders at the Orthodox Union's national convention in Boston, Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York predicted that Israel's interests would be better served, at least in the short run, by the policies of the Reagan administration than if President Carter had been re-elected.

Senator Javits said "the difference between Reagan and Carter is that Reagan will put a greater emphasis upon security, improving Israel's ability to defend itself, thus making Israel more useful to the United States and its allies in the area. Carter would have tried to effect a general peace in the area through the Camp David process," which Javits described as "now a dead end."

Javits said that Carter would have probably tried to force Israel into new concessions now to push the Camp David process further, whereas a wiser course would be to allow the parties more time, up to the five years envisioned in the original Camp David agreement, before going forward.

Javits said that "Reagan's likely emphasis on Israel's security is more realistic in light of Iraq/Iran and Jordan/Syria tensions." He said that Egypt also needed more time to deal with its serious internal problems.

Javits predicted that despite the probability that the peace process will be slow, Israel is still likely to be high on Reagan's agenda. He also said, referring to Israel's prospects in Congress that "a sombre view is not justified. Two thirds of the house and senate is still on Israel's side" and that this support was Israel's most valuable political asset.

Senator Javits was honored by the Orthodox Union at the closing session of the four-day convention at the Sheraton Boston "in recognition of more than 30 years of outstanding and dedicated public service."

Weizmann groups forming in Brazil

TORONTO —

A Brazil Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science is now being organized with chapters in Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and Sao Paulo, according to Murray Koffler, chairman of the Weizmann's international committee.

Koffler, who is also chairman of the board of the Canadian Society, headed an international delegation from the Weizmann board of governors to meet with leaders of Brazil's Jewish community and government officials and tell the story of Weizmann's extensive involvement in science research. Members of the delegation, about 30 in all, came from the U.S., Great Britain, France, Israel, Argentina and Canada.

Among the government officials who greeted the delegates were the governor of the state of Rio and the federal ministers of tourism, health and commerce and science and technology.

Zvi Ghevelder, one of Brazil's leading Jewish editors and Adolpho Block, publisher of Machette, a Life-like magazine, were instrumental in organizing the receptions and meetings for the delegates.

Koffler said the delegation received a warm welcome in all three cities visited. He noted that the largest Jewish population is in Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city.

The delegatation included Murray and Marvelle Koffler, Jimmy and Elaine Kay, Tom and Mary Beck, George and Sharon Zuckerman, Hy and Myrna Isenbaum and Leo Perkell, all of Toronto.

[Religious News Service photo]

PERRY COMO IN ISRAEL

Singer Perry Como [left] was recently in Israel to film an ABC-TV holiday special featuring guest stars Richard Chamberlain and Israeli singer Ilanit. Here he is shown receiving an olive-wood bound Bible from Amnon Gilad, of the Israeli Tourism Administration.

Dine sees bipartisan support

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But instead of voicing a despondent note, Dine declared: "Let's get over the shock, let's not panic, let's get on with dealing with the new realities."

He said that AIPAC, the only officially-registered pro-Israel lobby on Capitol Hill, will work with Republicans and Democrats. "Israel's support always has been and always will be bipartisan," he said. "Everyone is a potential ally."

More than most others, Dine recognizes that nothing is going to be easy or automatic, although he is encouraged that AIPAC and President - elect Ronald Reagan have similar geopolitical views. He outlined them as follows:

1. Israel is a staunch ally of the United States against the Soviet Union and its clients in the region.

2. Israel is reliable — as a democracy and in terms of its pro-Western foreign policy.

3. As the Iraq-Iran war vividly demonstrates, instability in the Middle East does not begin and end in Jerusalem.

4. Resolving the Palestinian problem is not the avenue to stability in the Middle East.

5. The relationship with Saudi Arabia must stop being one-way, from Washington to Riyadh only."

Dine signalled some of AIPAC's objectives next year: "Let us help our friends in the new administration to fight the Saudi connection; to close down the PLO's Washington office; to play hard ball in the United Nations; to keep Israel central to United States foreign policy in the Middle East."

His efforts will be buttressed by pro-Israel senators like Boschwitz on the Republican side and New York's Daniel Patrick Moynihan, on the Democratic.

There will be no shortage of opponents, including Republican Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, the incoming chairman of the critical appropriations committee; Republican James McClure of Idaho, the next chairman of the energy committee; Republican Barry Goldwater of Arizona, who will chair the intelligence committee.

But even in earlier times, Israel had to deal with hostile forces, including J. William Fulbright, who chaired the foreign relations committee for so many years. This next chapter will pass as well.

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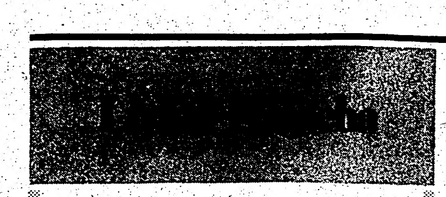

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: who has the right to issue a gett, a divorce, according to Jewish law?

Some fields are reserved for specialists. Then, any person who is not an expert must stay out.

You understand this principle when medicine is involved. You do not want untrained people, graduates of diploma mills, operating as surgeons in our hospitals. —

Rabbi Moses Burak

The same holds true for "gittin." Experts are the only ones permitted to operate in this field. A gett, or divorce, is a piece of surgery. Two people who have been closer to one another than "Siamese twins" must be cut asunder from each other. Let it not be done by those who don't even comprehend the delicate nature of this severance.

That is the attitude of the Talmud in Tractate Kiddushin, 6 A: "He who does not know the intricacies of the laws of divorce and betrothal should have no business with them." If you don't understand this statement the first time you see it, Tractate Kiddushin repeats it a few pages later on 13 A, with some additional material on the heinous nature of those who do not heed this order. Such men, according to the Talmud "are more harmful to the world than the generation of the flood, for it is written (in Hosea 4:2) 'by swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they spread forth, and blood toucheth blood.'"

Rav Yosef (explains the Talmud) takes this to mean that when men of insufficient knowledge take part in solemnizing marriage and divorce, they declare free the woman who is still married, with the result that the new husbands "beget children by their neighbors' wives."

This view is confided in the Code Eben Ha-Ezer, Chapter 154, Seder Ha-Gett, paragraph 101, in these words: "A man must be very careful not to attempt anything in the field of gittin unless he is acutely knowledgeable in the laws of gittin, for there are many fine points, and it is so easy to make a mistake that stigmatizes the unborn with mamzerus ... ."

Rabbi Moses Sofer Z. L. [niftar 141 years ago] gives a ruling in his responsa, the volume on Orach Chaim, number 206, that no one may issue a gett unless he has a special diploma testifying that he has competence in that field. He cites a gloss by Isserles on Yore Deah, Chapter 242, to that effect.

So, a rabbinic diploma which states that a man is qualified to preach is of no value for gittin. The Yadin Yadin is usually given to permit the scholar to be a mesader gittin, and even then, shimmush, special practical training, is needed to accustom the scholar to the long, weary hours, and to the careful thought needed in the hundreds of steps that must be checked off in making a gett.

The sages of an earlier day used to fast on the day they issued a gett; they were so afraid that they might make a mistake, and this was their way of asking for Divine help to keep them from being in error. They did so even though they had at their disposal all the classic volumes on the subject in their libraries and in their heads.

A gett begins when a member of the rabbinic tribunal asks the husband the question: "Are you prepared to give a gett to your wife without coercion, and without any conditions attached?" His name and hers are mentioned in the question.

Without such a statement by the husband, namely, that he is willing to give her the gett, there can be no gett. It is the husband who must instruct the sofer to write the gett, and the witnesses to sign the gett. If he does not give these instructions, we have no gett.

Sometimes the husband is obdurate, or, the wife is inflexible. This is like a cancer for which there is no cure. It is then that we discover who is a servant of the Eternal and who is not.

French anti-semitism not covered adequately
U of T professor charges at Congress meeting

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The media including the Jewish press across North America has "grossly underreported" the spate of anti-semitism over the past three years in France, and is "missing out on the tragic implications of those events."

Furthermore — in the view of Dr. Henry Weinberg, a professor of French literature at the University of Toronto — there has been a failure to understand the "distinctively anti-semitic nature" of neo-Nazism in France — and how it differs from neo-Nazism in other countries in Europe.

Weinberg, who says he regularly monitors the French and North American press, drew a sobering picture of the crisis facing French Jewry at a recent meeting of the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

While Weinberg said he understood the "preoccupation with the problems of Israel, Soviet and Syrian Jewry and other oppressed Jewish communities in the world, "nevertheless, Jewish organizations have ignored the distress of the third largest Jewish Diaspora — the French Jewish community of 750,000 people.

"For the past three years, anti-Jewish acts, both verbal and physical, have occurred with alarming frequency. In the past year alone, there were 80 acts of violence against Jews which included beatings, desecration of synagogues, Jewish cemeteries, anti-semitic graffiti in subways, buses and sidewalks and even bombings."

Yet, until the recent explosion of a bomb at the Rue Copernic Synagogue in October, Weinberg said the press "barely paid attention" to what was happening — "nor did it understand the implications."

Weinberg, who has visited France annually for the last 20 years, said, "those who try to explain the events in France as simply a reflection of a larger European right-wing phenomenon are wrong."

He compared neo-Nazism in Germany, Britain, Italy, Spain and Belgian and France, and said that only in France was the violence of the extreme right directed specifically at Jews.

Neither the Munich or Bologna bombings had Jews chosen as victims. In Britain, the right-wing National Front concentrated primarily on Asian immigrants, and in Belgium, fascists seemed mainly interested in Flemish independence.

He claimed that only in France are neo-Nazis primarily anti-semitic. "Only the French fascists openly proclaim Adolf Eichman as their mentor and display a slogan in their Paris headquarters which reads 'Israel must be destroyed.'"

In indicting the French press and the government-controlled radio and TV, Weinberg charged they had contributed to the legitimization of anti-semitism.

He dated the start of "systematic attacks" on Jews with an article in L'Express in November, 1977, which published an interview with the former Vichy commissioner for Jewish affairs in which the commissioner branded Jews as "foreigners cleverly manipulating Gentiles and wishing to dominate the world."

The former commissioner also branded the Holocaust as a Jewish invention — an opinion later duplicated in the pages of Le Monde, the "New York Times of France," with an interview with a professor of literature who also maintained that Hitler's gas chambers never existed.

Le Monde later ran an article by a history professor which raised the issue of double loyalty. Asked the professor: "To which government do Jews owe their allegiance? Isn't this dual allegiance on behalf of a foreign government (Israel) a form of treason?"

Weinberg said the French-controlled TV network was the only one in Europe to refuse to screen the NBC production of Holocaust. The government only changed its mind, he said, after a Polish-born Jewish artist started a collection to help the "impoverished" French TV.

There was no doubt in his mind, said Weinberg, that anti-semitic sentiment was precipitated by the changes in France's Middle East foreign policy launched by President Charles de Gaulle.

Following de Gaulle's speech in 1967 in which Weinberg said he branded Jews as "domineering" and "revived old anti-semitic cliches," French radio and TV became highly critical of Israel to the point of anti-semitism.

"What is certain," stressed Weinberg, "is that anti-semites used government — sanctioned hostility toward the Jewish state to legitimize their own views."

Weinberg said that during the whole period in which anti-semitic attacks were growing increasingly open, French Jews remained either silent or only protested feebly.

While praising the less-inhibited North African Jews living in France for their courage, he said, traditionally, French Jews were timid and insecure about openly advertising their Jewishness.

Weinberg stated that even though Jews have lived in France for centuries, there is still sentiment expressed that they are foreigners.

"The old revolutionary tradition demanding adherence and loyalty to the state is alive, and many Frenchmen view criticism of the government, especially on foreign affairs, as bordering on treason," he said.

But while finding extenuating circumstances for the silence of French Jews, Weinberg fired heavy criticism at North American Jewry for not paying more attention to the developments in France.

Weinberg reported that parents at the largest Jewish day school in Paris just raised $150,000 for bulletproof doors and windows and a TV surveillance system. In addition, parents patrol the school mornings and afternoons.

He said 55 communal and private Jewish buildings are now under 24-hour police protection.

If such a climate of fear for Jews can happen in a democratic country like France, Weinberg asked, can it happen here in Canada?

Weinberg recommended that Canadian Jews use the "proper channels" to inform the French government of its complicity in the development of anti-semitism. He also urged Jewish organizations to nip in the bud any anti-Jewish activity in this country.

Operating changes are announced for Winnipeg's YMHA, summer camps

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

Major changes for the YMHA Centre and summer camping programs were announced at the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council by Marjorie Blankstein, president.

The Y will no longer be "only a centre for those who pay membership dues," Mrs. Blankstein announced. Under a new constitution the Y will become "The YMHA Jewish Community Centre of Winnipeg" and all contributors to the Combined Jewish Appeal or centre building fund will be allowed to vote at general meetings and will be entitled to sit on the board.

Even more significant, Blankstein disclosed that the centre will turn over its assets to the community council which will now assume responsibility for centre deficits.

As for summer camping, Blankstein announced that the board of the JCC has approved a proposal of its camping task force, headed by Justice Guy Kroft, that all Jewish camps should be operated from one site.

Until last summer Camp B'nai B'rith, Gan Israel and Camp Massad each operated from its own location. Primarily as a result of the deterioration of physical facilities at the B'nai B'rith camp on Towne Island in Lake of the Woods, the task force was set up earlier this year to review all Jewish camping operations and to recommend a camping policy.

The task force recommended that camping should become a "direct and ongoing responsibility" of the Jewish community. In spite of great concern over costs, the council board agreed to accept this principle, Blankstein reported.

This decision was made quickly, she added, because of the urgent need for major repairs at Camp B'nai B'rith to make it operational for next summer.

A loan of $225,000 has been approved for the repairs needed at Camp B'nai B'rith, particularly to the sewer system.

At the same time the council approved the task force recommendation for a one-site community camp on Towne Island "encompassing the best features of B'nai B'rith and Camp Massad." Discussions are now proceeding with Camp Massad about moving to Towne Island from the Lake Winnipeg location.

An interim camping commission, headed by Judy Linhart, is being set up with responsibility for the necessary capital improvements so that a one-site facility will be ready for the summer of 1981.

New institute explores experience of religious

RAMAT-GAN —

A new institute has been launched to explore one of the lesser-known aspects of the Holocaust — the tragic experience of religious Jewry in Europe during the Nazi period.

The Bar-Ilan Institute of Holocaust Studies, in one of its first projects, is calling on Jewish families everywhere to report any materials in their possession which reveal some of the experiences of religious Jewry during the Holocaust, their trials, reactions, behavior.

The Institute of Holocaust Studies at Bar-Ilan has been established with the support of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University. The project chairman is Mrs. Leona Finkler, Toronto.

Professor of modern Jewish history Nathaniel Katzburg, who heads the new institute, called on Jews throughout the world to uncover unpublished manuscripts, letters, photos, newspapers, mementos which could fill the void in information about the experiences of religious Jewry during the Holocaust.

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First of series on Klein will be published soon

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The first volume in a major series on the writings of leading Canadian Jewish poet A. M. Klein is expected to be published soon by the University of Toronto Press.

The Klein series, which will eventually encompass six or seven volumes, is a project of a committee of scholars, chaired by M. W. Steinberg, a professor of English literature at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

This first volume will represent some of the best journalistic writings by Klein, who died in 1972 at the age of 63. A sampling of the many hundreds of editorials and articles that he wrote from 1928 to 1955 is presently being edited by Steinberg and Usher Caplan, an Ottawa freelance writer and a member of the committee.

Most of the material will be drawn from the Canadian Jewish Chronicle, the paper for which Klein served as a regular editorial columnist from 1938 to 1955. He was also, at one time, editor of the Canadian Zionist.

"Seen in retrospect, Klein's weekly commentaries on world and local events project a stirring picture of the most crucial years in modern Jewish history, spanning the early rise of Hitlerism in Germany to the birth and beginnings of the State of Israel," said Caplan.

One of the highlights of this volume will be the full text of the serialized "Notebook of a Journey," according to Caplan, a lively account by Klein of his 1949 trip to Israel, Europe and North Africa. This series was the basis for Klein's novel "The Second Scroll," published in 1951.

Caplan said the first volume is now at the copy editing stage and should be out within the next two years, possibly as early as next year.

Future volumes in the series will bring to light for the first time many previously unpublished or uncollected writings by Klein, including a spy novel based on the famous Gouzenko affair. Other pieces gathered by the committee are a complete collection of his short stories, essays and reviews on literary topics, notebooks of prose and unfinished fiction letters and an edition of his complete poetry, including several previously unpublished poems.

Other persons on the committee, which has been functioning since 1974, are: Gretl Fischer of Ottawa; Seymour Mayne, professor of English at the University of Ottawa; Tom Marshall, professor of English at Queen's University in Kingston; R. J. Taylor, a federal civil servant; and, in a consulting capacity, the poet's sons Sandor and Colman Klein, of Montreal.

In a separate endeavor, Caplan is presently completing a definitive biography of Klein, due to appear just over a year from now from the publishers, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Press in Toronto.

Caplan's research into the life of Klein during the past seven years provided much of the foundation for the committee's series. The book will contain selections from Klein's unpublished works as well as many rare photographs, Caplan said.

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The "spectre" of OPEC haunts the West; we must learn to deal with this to survive

By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

It would perhaps be no exaggeration to argue that each period of Western civilization is characterized by a "spectre" haunting it.

Thus far, each of these spectres has been overcome or integrated in an acceptable manner into the way of life congruent with the values of free Western countries. These values will endure only as long as the political framework making their expression possible continues to exhibit sufficient ingenuity, initiative, courage and creativity in dealing with the spectres that will undoubtedly haunt us in the future.

This is of particular importance to Jews and the Jewish state, for our fate is intimately intertwined with that of the free countries of the West: Jews do not and cannot prosper in dictatorships and totalitarian regimes (either left or right), but only in the free Western democracies, of which Israel is part and parcel.

For Jews, therefore, dealing with the "spectres" is literally a matter of survival.

The present spectre haunting the West is not the Soviet threat — which can be contained in a variety of realistic ways in an age where the Soviets have, in any case, lost much of their elan vital — but that of OPEC. It is difficult to imagine that anything the Soviets can manufacture by way of mischief in the foreseeable future will really devastate the Western way of life; not so with OPEC, which has become a much more real menace at this time.

An analysis of this phenomenon is to be found in an article in the summer, 1980 issue of Foreign Affairs, the mouthpiece of the East Coast foreign policy establishment in the United States.

This sobering, sombre analysis by Walter J. Levy, one of the best known experts on the economics and politics of oil, is aptly entitled "Oil and the Decline of the West."

It opens with the assessment that "the year 1979 was one of the grievous setbacks for the future security of the oil supply of the Western world, its economic and financial prospects, its strategic capabilities, and its political stability" — all this before the outbreak of the Gulf war that in no way contradicts the thesis of the article, but rather serves as an instructive example illustrating some of them.

Levy then goes on to analyze the world oil situation and demonstrates the continuing ability of OPEC to dominate the international oil market, which in turn provides a pessimistic outlook for the future of the Western nations.

The present welfare state structure in the Western democracies is based on the principle of ever-increasing material well-being of the population, which in turn is made possible by the persistent economic progress of a high-technology, energy intensive industrial machine that encompasses the entire alliance. Intolerably high prices of energy, or lack of a reasonable degree of stability in supplies, undermines this principle and thus constitutes clear and present danger to the fabric of Western society as we have known it since the end of World War II.

Granted, some of the key Western economies (Japan, West Germany and Switzerland) that almost totally lack domestic sources of energy have thus far managed to protect their prosperity, whereas others (the U.S., Canada and Britain) which have more ample energy supplies at home have fared much worse.

The point, however, is that the economies of the advanced industrialized countries are increasingly interdependent in terms of trade and other factors, and as most of them slide into recession (which limits temporarily the demand for oil, and thus disguises for a while the magnitude of the problem), they export each other's inflation, deficits and other problems, eventually creating worldwide stagnation and tensions.

Thus far, various countries have utilized conflicting systems of logic in dealing with the problem, and the result has been predictable confusion. As if the economic problem of demand and supply were not real enough (and it may be a bit less real as the proportion of oil imported to the key Western countries from OPEC declines), OPEC has behaved both as a political protest movement of the Third World engaged in political blackmail, as well as a sinister, though entirely rational cartel cornering the market by stifling competition.

Levy raises the question: "If indeed the problems can be kept manageable, what must the importing countries do to assure their future political, economic and strategic viability?"

The answer: "... it would appear that the oil importers would probably need 30 years or more to create an energy economy based overwhelmingly on sources other than oil — and even this goal might not be achievable if we wished to sustain a viable rate of economic progress."

During these 30 years, the West must continue to rely on oil, largely from the Persian Gulf, which will continue to be politically unstable, quite apart from any connection with the Arab-Israeli conflict. "Even in the unlikely case that within the next 10 to 15 years massive new discoveries should be made, comparable to those of the Middle East, it would take perhaps some 10 additional years before they could be fully developed," says the article.

What is to be done in this period? says Levy: "It is ... imperative ... that the real price of oil be kept at a manageable level. This may well mean that for some time to come prices should not increase at a much higher rate than that of inflation. The underlying concept would have to be that oil must be conceived in terms of a common heritage of mankind that must serve both the welfare of the producing countries and that of the importing countries."

This would require first of all viable domestic energy policies **which the U.S. and Canada simply do not have;** and yet they **must** develop such policies in the near future. Beyond that, on the international level, as Arthur Donner puts it in the **Globe and Mail** "a concerted effort is needed if the consuming countries hope to break the vicious circle of economic blackmail. This would require the establishment of an international importing group that would behave somewhat like OPEC itself, but would serve the interests of the entire consuming group."

However, Levy is pessimistic: "... this kind of scenario does not reflect the world as it is now and is likely to be in the future; and we have not much reason to hope that the various producing countries, the importing countries and the superpowers will ever agree on such a rational course of conduct ..."

The alternative, as Levy depicts it, is intolerably bleak: "We will probably be confronted by a series of major oil crises which might take any or all of several forms: fighting for control over oil resources among importing countries or between the superpowers; an economic-financial crisis in importing countries; regional conflicts affecting the oil-producing area; or internal revolution or other upheavals in the Middle East.

"At best, it would appear that a series of future emergencies centering around oil will set back world progress for many, many years. And the world, as we know it now, will probably not be able to maintain its cohesion, nor be able to provide for the continued economic progress of its people against the onslaught of future oil shock — with all that this might imply for the political stability of the West, its free institutions, and its internal and external security."

Developing a viable energy policy on both the domestic and international levels traditionally has not been a very popular course among North American Jews, who have rather adopted a traditional liberal consumer-oriented attitude to this question, if they have dealt with it all.

However, the world is rapidly changing, which means that priorities on the Jewish political agenda must change correspondingly — or else become simply irrelevant.

If Levy's analysis is correct — and there is little reason to doubt that it is — then forging the political will and determination to stand up to OPEC in a co-ordinated Western organization, while encouraging production and discouraging consumption at home, may well be literally a matter of survival for the Western democracies. In this case, the traditional liberal causes of distributive justice — to which North American Jews have been committed — simply cannot be realized without a viable, active energy policy, the development of which must receive the highest priority.

If North American Jews are unable or unwilling to recognize this principle and the logically ensuing political consequences because they are too deeply steeped in traditional concerns of decreasing relevance and viability, we will be a party to the possible destruction of a way of life that has been better for us than any other. Needless to say, we will also be a party to the perpetuation of the oil weapon directed against the Jewish state.

Of course, liberal North American Jews may not like the idea of an organized Western effort confronting the cutting edge of the Third World any more than we like the possibility of higher energy prices. But the necessities of self-interest in the long run often contradict what we like or don't like in the short run.

You don't like the idea of paying more for oil **and** confronting OPEC? Remember Pogo: "We have seen the enemy — and it's us ..."

Wrong and right

Arthur Herzberg, former president of the American Jewish Congress, author, rabbi and lecturer was right when he spoke in Canada recently about anti-semitism and Israel becoming surrogates for authentic Jewish expression. He was also wrong.

The dynamic Dr. Hertzberg was emboldened to say that Jewish preoccupation with external political pressures are "cop-outs" because they remove the responsibility from the individual to deepen his internal Jewish value system. According to the New Jersey rabbi it is "easy to get the juices flowing on behalf of Israel or against anti-semitism."

Speaking about Jewish leadership in the lay area, Hertzberg was also vehement in his criticism of the illiteracy, Jewishly speaking, of those involved in such activities. He argued that unless that leadership could be convinced that Jewish education be made a Jewish priority immediately, one third of the Jewish people would disappear in the next generation.

The involvement of large numbers of Jews both in Canada and elsewhere in defending the cause of Israel and in the battle against anti-semitism is not a cop out. As Abba Eban once said: "There are many things too horrible to be conceived of in Jewish history but not too horrible to have happened."

The assault on the Jewish people in the form of resurgent anti-semitism today is not some abstract theory. It is a bomb on rue Copernic, the KKK executing military maneuvers in the Carolinas, the Iranian majlis sentencing Jews to death.

It is true that these are external pressure points. In the past, however, these pressures have unleashed unspeakable crimes against the Jewish people. To describe preoccupation with threats of mayhem against Jews as a copout is to minimize their seriousness — a fatal error which the world made once before in history.

With regard to the Jewish obsession with Israel, which Hertzberg describes as excessive, we find his position unwarranted. He mocks the way in which the Jewish state enjoys a kind of sacrosanct quality once reserved for Judaism. "Today one is excommunicated from the Jewish community more easily by criticizing Begin than by violating Jewish law," says Hertzberg.

The author of "The Zionist Idea" might like to ponder the idea that amcha, the Jewish people en masse, does think of resurgent Israel precisely in terms of reverence not only because of what the state means in terms of the Jewish experience but because of the hostility focused on her by the nations. Is it absolutely necessary that Jews also join the chorus of Israel detractors?

A final word about the "Jewishly illiterate" lay leadership. Hertzberg may have been referring to the U.S. scene alone. His characterization is not appropriate in the Canadian context. Generally speaking, Canadian Jews in positions of leadership are knowledgeable Jews with deep commitments to Judaism, Israel and the Jewish people.

German-Jewish renewal

Porsche, the West German auto maker renowned for its sleek and expensive sports cars, has chosen a new president. He is Peter Schutz, a 50-year-old American mechanical engineer who until now has been employed by the Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Normally, such an appointment would be of no interest to this newspaper. There are more than enough events of earth-shattering import to keep us busy.

But, believe it or not, this item is of some historical, perhaps sociological significance to the Jewish community. Not necessarily to the Canadian one, but to Jewish communities everywhere.

Peter Schutz, you see, is the son of German Jews who were driven from their Berlin home after the rise of Nazism. Schutz grew up in Chicago and, until two years ago, did not know enough German to read a newspaper. The fact that he has been named to head one of the most prestigious firms in West Germany is of importance because it illustrates, to an extent at least, that the trauma inflicted by the Nazis is beginning to wear off.

If we can use his case as a microcosm of reality, we believe it would be fair to say that there's hope for a renewal of German-Jewish relations, which flowered in the decades preceding Hitler.

It will do no one good if Jews and Germans do not turn a new leaf in their mutual relations.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Dec. 24, 1970, the Soviet Union passed sentence on the 12 defendants of the first Leningrad tiral — death, hard labor and long years of imprisonment. The harshness shocked the world. But rather than crush emigration, it sparked in Russia a miraculous rebirth of Jewish consciousness and assertiveness in the face of an overwhelmingly powerful and bitter enemy.

The 12, charged with hijacking, were intercepted by the KGB while preparing to board a small airliner in Leningrad. The fact that no crime had acutally been committed, that the plans were known to the authorities beforehand and that a 13th person — who had largely instigated the attempt — absented himself, suggested nothing less than government provocation.

At the same time, eight local Jewish acitivists — who had nothing to do with the hijacking attempt — were also arrested. The KGB ransacked their homes to provide, among other things, a novel by Leon Uris and the poems of Bialik as the basis for their being charged with slandering the Soviet system.

The 12 went on trial Dec. 15. Soviet press accounts were inconsistent and self-contradictory. Despite claims that the tiral was not aimed at Jews, the alleged hostility of Zionism to Communism received the bulk of the prosecution's stress.

Despite proof that no harm was intended, let alone committed, two of the Jews — former pilot Mark Dymshitz and student Edward Kuznetsov — were sentenced to death. The others received from four to 15 years hard labor.

The world was stunned. Massive objections were voiced, even from Communist organs. The Italian Communist paper L'Unita, for example, headlined its Dec. 27 story on the trial as "an incomprehensible judgment."

On Dec. 30, Spain's dictator Franco commuted the death sentence of two Basque nationals, adding to the embarrassment of the Russians, who had been denouncing Spain's verdict. Among Jews, large-scale rallies and demonstrations rang out in every community in the West.

On Dec. 31, a hastily organized Soviet appeal saw the death sentences commuted to 15 years hard labor, and a year or two shaved off several of the other long terms. But, the determination to supress the Jewish nationalist movement was reiterated the next day, when the kremlin declared that "international Zionism is the source of anti-Sovietism." About 18 individual and group trials throughout the spring and summer of 1971 proved its intent.

But the effect on Soviet Jews was far from what the kremlin expected. First, it began receiving letters of outrage from individual Jews, like Hillel Shur, who predicted that, like the trials of Mendel Beiliss and Alfred Dreyfuss, these also would backfire. Individual protest quickly developed into large-scale sit-ins and hunger strikes, some taking place at the kremlin itself.

The West was electrified. The Soviets were astounded. Jews from one end of the world to the other were as uplifted by the bravery of their Soviet brethren as they were after the Six Day War. As early as Feb. 3, 1971, a meeting in Brussels of leading Jewish political, religious and literary figures pledged Jewry's support for the struggle to leave the Soviet Union.

Emigration figures showed the results. In 1970, 1,000 Jews were allowed to leave. In 1971, the total was 14,500, already exceeded by June 1972.

What became of the would-be hijackers? Dymshitz and Kuznetsov were among five included in a 1979 swap with the U.S. for two convicted Soviet spies. Only three still languish in Soviet prisons — the two non-Jews, Alexei Murzhenko and Yuri Federov, and Josif Mendelevich. It is believed that the latter is a victim of particularly harsh treatment. He persists in wearing a kipa, avoiding treife food and starving himself during Passover.

Florence Vise was a dedicated person who worked to meet needs of others

By J. B. SALSBERG

As old time readers of this column know, I studiously avoid (with only the rarest of exceptions) writing eulogistically about living people. Our ancient sages have wisely advised us to resist the temptation to do so.

However, from time to time I do dedicate a column to someone who departed from the living. But even in such cases I restrict myself to individuals whose pattern of life reflected the unique moral and ethical standards which circumstances fostered among our people in an era that is irrevocably gone.

Now, to the shloshim (30 days after the passing) of Florence Vise, an admirable and praiseworthy member of our Toronto community, I wish to pay public tribute to her as a beautiful person, an ethical human being and a dedicated worker in the most meaningful areas of service to our people at home and abroad. She absorbed the best ideals that her generation inherited and she extended them by her life of concern for others and by her unstinted giving of herself to meet the needs of others.

But I have a confession to make before I can proceed.

During the formal funeral service at the Holy Blossom Temple, of which Florence Vise and her predeceased husband David belonged, and every day since I harbored the collective guilt of our entire community for the lack of a greater presence to pay the last respects to that meritorious person.

Florence (named, Frumeh — pious) was born in New York at the turn of the century. She was the gold medalist of her graduating class in the Schol of Nursing at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. And, as Jerome Diamond, of Toronto's Jewish Family and Child Service, said to me: "She remained a Florence Nightingale all her life."

The idealistic young nurse met David Vise, married him and came to live among us in the early 20s and her presence here was a blessing to the community.

Florence Vise

If the new century dawned with promise of a better world in the making, the post World War I period appeared to that century's children as a time to implement the golden promises in their lifetime. Some of those young dreamers turned to the fashioning of political instruments to realize their dreams. Others, like David and Florence Vise, the first North American generation of East European immigrant parents, chose a more modest and a more personal path for the achievement of mankind's lofty aims.

The way of the Vises was to live an undeviating ethical life and to contribute unstintingly towards the improvement of life for one's own Jewish community, to make Canada as ideal a community as possible and to link up with the overall aspirations of the Jewish people (Zionism) that inspired so many of the Jewish people around the world.

David and Florence were of the generation of North American born Jews that stepped forward, after the World War I, to assume leadership in Jewish life. David's brother, Bernard, who passed away early in life, had managed to become a prominent spokesman of Canadian Zionism. Then there was the galaxy that included the late J. I. Oelbaum, Henry S. Rosenberg, Ben Sadovski, A. B. Bennet, Chaim Langer, Dr. Samuel (Sammy) Hurwich, Sam Godfrey, Sam Granatstein, Harry Wolfson and others — all of whom left a deep imprint on our community's history.

Daivd Vise was the first Jewish chartered accountant in Ontario, the first Jew to become a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and, later, the respected member of the committee that oversaw the ethical practices of members of his profession.

I recall a meaningful conversation with David. He regretted the trend in his profession which turns accountants into entrepreneurs. Then he said wistfully: "Some of my former students have become quite rich as a result of watering down their professional standards. Maybe they are right and I am too naive."

"No," I said, "maybe you are too ethical and idealistic." And David Vise remained ethical to the end.

As for Florence Vise, she really came into her own through her work with the Jewish Family and Child Service.

When Canadian Jewry brought hundreds of "redeemed children," orphaned during the Holocaust, Florence was perhaps the most active and most dedicated lay worker in charge of that great project. "Markham and Harbord," where the official reception centre was located, became her first, not just her second, home. Florence served on the board of JF & CS for years and was its president for six years, and continued on its board until two years ago.

Florence Vise was a mensh; an intelligent, dedicated and ethical person. We were and remain richer because of her.

[Uzi Keren photo]

WAITING TO LEAVE

Simon Ruhni, 58, brings water from a backyard tap to the one-room shack he and his son Simon [background] share. Residents in the "Boxes" suburb of Tel Aviv, as it is called, are awaiting new apartments, still under construction.

Jack Austin, the son of a grocer

Youthful senator can make the ground tremble

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

This neat, compact capital abounds with movers and shakers, ambitious power brokers who have the ear of the high and the mighty. They exert influence quietly and deftly, but their faces are virtually unknown to the reading public.

Newspapers rarely carry their pictures and columnists usually don't write about them. But that doesn't affect the clout they wield.

Jacob [Jack] Austin, 48, is one of those relatively anonymous figures who, if he so desires, can make the ground tremble, not only in Ottawa, but in the rest of the country as well.

Now a senator, he has had a distinguished career in government and law, not to mention business. In his heyday in the federal civil service in the 1970s, he was a mandarin's mandarin, being the deputy minister of energy, mines and resources, and a founder of Petro-Canada. For 14 months, he was Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's principal secretary, or chief of staff. Five and half years ago, Trudeau appointed his fellow Liberal to the Senate.

Outside of politics, which is his passion, this British Columbian has practiced law with Nathan Nemetz, currently the chief justice of B.C., presided over the fortunes of Uranium Canada Limited, sat on the board of Panarctic Oils Limited and searched for oil and gas in Israel.

A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Harvard and the University of California, Austin — the son of a grocer born in Kiev — is the author and co-author on books concerning international law as it pertains to rivers, seas and fisheries. In the 1950s, he lectured on law at UBC.

For the last few months, amid the glare of television klieg lights, Austin has been in the forefront of Canada's historic constitutional debate. Together with 25 senators and MPs who are members of the joint House-Senate committee on the constitution, he has logged long hours listening to a wide variety of petitioners venting their spleen on the issues.

The committee, which ends its hearings on Feb. 6, is expected to convey its recommendations to the government shortly afterwards. The cabinet hopes to proclaim Canada's new constitution on July 1, the 114th anniversary of confederation.

Austin, the Liberals' counsel on the committee, decides in conjunction with his colleagues who will be granted the right to present a brief. To date, representations have been heard from such groups as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the National Mennonite Council and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Congress, he says, made a very effective presentation on the entrenchment of a charter of rights in the constitution. "Its brief was widely praised by members of the committee," notes Austin.

Despite opposition around the country, he expects that the government will get its constitutional package through, albeit with vital amendments. "After 53 years, the constitutional deadlock has to be broken," he says.

Britain's parliament, he feels, will permit Canada to patriate its constitution. "The British will be happy to be without this residual colonial appendage. They should be happy to get rid of us once and for all."

In Austin's view, a made-in-Canada constitution will defuse separatist sentiment in Quebec and put the diverse regions of Canada into closer touch with each other.

It may even mollify Western separatists. "The anger is real, but Western Canadians wouldn't seriously contemplate separatism," he says. "However, the question is being argued by some small groups."

Ottawa, Austin concedes, hasn't always been sensitive to Western concerns. "The onus is on the Liberals to initiate changes. The Senate should be reformed to allow for a more balanced representation from lesser populated areas of the West and Atlantic Canada, and there should be a keener recognition on the part of the government of the economic aspirations of the West."

He suggests that the Liberal Party will continue to show weakness in the West as long as it is identified by Westerners as exclusively serving the interests of Ontario and Quebec.

A reformed constitution, he forecasts, will unify Canada, but not on an overnight basis. "It'll require a new generation of leadership to make it work."

Although the constitutional question preoccupies him at the present, Austin is just as concerned about energy.

He supports the government's scheme, announced in its Oct. 28 budget, to Canadianize the country's oil and gas industry to the tune of 50% by 1990. Non-residents own 72% and control 82% of the industry.

Austin, a member of the Senate's energy committee, claims that Canadianization will not discourage investors, at least partly because the government has no similar plans for other sectors of the economy.

Canadianization is necessary, he explains, because multinationals think of profits only and are not attuned to Canada's economic development.

Exuding confidence, he says he believes that Canada can attain energy self-sufficiency by developing its offshore oil/gas resources and its vast deposits of tar sands and oil shale. But it won't be cheap, he warns. For the next 20 years, an investment of $200 billion will be required if Canadians want to free themselves of the OPEC cartel.

The U.S., too, can become a nation of energy self-reliance. "The Americans could put themselves into a position where they couldn't be hurt by an Arab oil embargo," he says. "The U.S. is moving rapidly to reduce its vulnerability. But until it gets there, the U.S. may be vulnerable to Arab politics."

Austin qualifies that remark by asserting that no U.S. administration so far has been affected by oil. He adds that the Arab oil producers, far from wishing to antagonize the U.S., need the military shelter it can provide.

He doesn't foresee Western military action against the oil wells of Arabia, in response to a crippling spate of price increases by OPEC. "The world economy can absorb price changes, and it can find alternative sources of energy," he observes. Besides, the Arabs are cautious businessmen and do not seek to ruin the West's economy.

Still, he remarks, OPEC has reaped tremendous windfall profits, with price per barrel rising to $40 from $3 in 1973.

Austin, who is also a member of the Senate's committees on banking/trade/commerce and national finance, has had a deep and abiding interest in the politics — and management — of energy resources for many years.

He made his debut in official Ottawa in 1963, when he was executive assistant to Arthur Laing, the minister of northern affairs and national resources. In general, Austin dealt with matters arising out of the political, social and economic evolution of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The job gave him a good appreciation of Canada's natural resources.

In 1966, he left Ottawa and returned to his home in Vancouver to practice law. Pierre Trudeau called him back four years later, naming Austin second in command to the minister of energy, mines and resources.

As deputy minister, Austin recruited talent to his moribund department, and undertook the first systematic study of Canada's energy industry. In his new book, "The Northern Magus," Richard Gwyn writes that the field was uncharted, "since energy was cheap and the multinationals knew best."

One of the conclusions emerging from the study was that Canada needed its own publicly owned oil company, to act as a pace setter in frontier exploration and as a "window on the industry" through which government could learn what was going on, says Gwyn.

Thus Petro-Canada was born.

"Unlike Walter Gordon (the Canadian nationalist and former minister of finance), I didn't think we should buy back Canadian industry (from foreigners) but increase our participation in key economic growth sectors," Austin remarks.

In May of 1974, after four productive years as the eminence grise in the department of energy, mines and resources, Austin was appointed Trudeau's principal secretary.

As such, he attended to the operational functions of the Prime Minister's office, gaining the kind of easy access to him only a handful of people have. Trudeau, he says, is an extremely bright man with an incredible memory. "You better have your homework done before you brief him. He's very testing and aggressive in querying your ideas. It's challenging to work for him.

By the same token, though, Trudeau is exceedingly loyal to confreres and considerate to his staff's personal problems, says Austin.

Austin's primary contribution to Trudeau, pundits here say, was in helping lead an appraisal of government's priorities and in planning the policy operations side of the 1974 election.

In August of 1975, Austin decided to fulfil a promise he had made to himself in 1970: to return to Vancouver after five years of service in the bureaucracy. But this was not to be. "Trudeau proposed that I go to the Senate, so that I could keep one foot in the public domain and one foot in Vancouver," he discloses.

[Wayne Cuddington photo]

Senator Jack Austin

According to reliable sources, Austin sought, but did not get, the presidency of his baby, Petro-Canada. If the story is true, this represented his first, perhaps only, setback in what otherwise is a career of startling upward mobility.

A native of Calgary, Austin takes solace from the fact that he enjoys his seat in the Senate so much. He commutes to Vancouver once a week to see his wife, Natalie — the daughter of Harry Veiner, mayor of Medicine Hat, Alberta, for 22 years — and three daughters.

"It's difficult to live alone in Ottawa," he admits. "It puts stress on your family."

In spite of the drawbacks, Austin has no intention of leaving the Senate in the foreseeable future.

"I feel very lucky to have participated in the political process," says Austin, who sails and plays tennis in his spare time. "It's a rich life, emotionally and intellectually, but draining too."

If he has learned anything, it is that Canadian politics are extremely sensitive to public opinion. "Government is very open, parliamentary committees very available," he comments. "You learn how different the regions of Canada are. We're not a homogeneous community."

Despite his attachment to politics, Austin finds enough hours in his schedule to maintain his law practice, even if sporadically, and to head GM Resources, the headquarters of which are in Calgary. CEMP Investments of Montreal, controlled by the Montreal Bronfman family, has an interest in the firm.

According to Austin, GM Resources spent $300,000 earlier this year in a bid to discover oil near Ashkelon, Israel. Nothing came of that effort. "We drilled on dry gas well," he says.

But Austin and his associates are optimistic. They plan to try again in 1981 on the strength of evidence that Israel's oil/gas potential is more than merely modest.

From his experience with Panarctic Oils, Austin knows that persistence is an important factor in oil/gas exploration.

For that matter, so is this the case in politics — a game in which he has been eminently successful.

80th anniversary of Emanuel Ringelblum's birth; he kept written records of Nazi genocidal policies

By I. KOPYTO

Last month marked the 80th anniversary of the birth of the Jewish historian and martyr, Emanuel Ringelblum.

He was born in the small town of Botchat in Eastern Galicia in November, 1900. At the conclusion of the World War I, he moved with his family from Botchat to New Sanch, east of Cracow.

Ensconced in his new home, he quickly came under the political-intellectual influence of the Poale Zion movement (Labor-Zionists).

He was accepted as a student of history in the faculty of humanistic studies at the University of Warsaw. By the time he received his doctorate in 1927, he had already established himself in the circle of his educators through his dissertations as a scholar in Jewish and general literature, history and philosophy.

He was highly admired within the Jewish community as an analyst of the socio-philosophical concepts of Marx, Spinoza and Borochov.

In 1933, during the convention of the International Congress of Historians, which had been convened in Warsaw, the Jewish delegation, which included the well known historians Dr. I. Schipper and Meir Balaban, proposed to the Jewish section of the congress that Ringelblum be appointed a representative to deliver a lecture to the congress on behalf of the delegation as a whole, dealing with the history of Warsaw Jewry from its beginnings until the 18th century.

Emanuel Ringelblum

The year 1938 witnessed an upgraded campaign by the Nazi regime in Germany to intensify the terror against the German Jewish community. In October, a month before the infamous Crystal Night, the Nazi regime caused 17,000 Polish Jewish citizens to be expelled from Germany and immediately confiscated their possessions and personal belongings. As a consequence, they were temporarily gathered into camps near the town of Zbonsheen near the Polish-German border and Ringelblum was assigned to help them and record their stories.

In 1939, Ringelblum was elected by the Poalei-Zion movement to be its delegate to the World Zionist Congress being convened in Geneva. Upon his return to Warsaw, just at the outbreak of World War II, he placed himself fully at the service of the already beleaguered Jewish community in Warsaw.

He witnessed each day the growth of the offensive of the Nazi occupying army against the Jewish community in Poland, especially in Warsaw. Day by day there were increasing restrictions directed against the community.

With his historical perspective, Ringelblum called a conference of the co-ordinating committees of self-help which had been established throughout the Jewish community and he predicted that the 3,500,000 Polish Jews were about to enter into a bleak era, indeed. He said it was necessary immediately to establish a central archives which would document the suffering of Warsaw's Jewish population.

He fully realized that the decline and destruction of the 1,000-year-old Jewish community in Poland was at hand. It was essential to establish a collective of historians to record the earth-shattering events.

The Ringelblum archives, as the institute became known, developed to become the essential information service within the Warsaw ghetto. Scholars are unanimous in their opinion that his major achievement was the creation of the Oneg Shabbat circle which centralized and distributed news about the situation of the Jews as it worsened daily under the Nazi regime. His written observations constituted an eternal record of the genocidal policies under the Nazi occupying army.

Though he managed for some time to hide away in a bunker on the "Aryan" side — 84 Gruyecka St., on March 7, 1944, the Nazis finally caught up with Ringelblum. His wife, Judith, his 13-year-old son, Aaron, and Ringelblum himself were whisked off to the infamous Warsaw Paviak prison where they were all shot.

After the conclusion of World war II, in September, 1946, according to Ringelblum's secretary Hersch Wasser, the first portion of the archives maintained by Ringelblum were dug up from under the rubble of 68 Novolipki in Warsaw. Four years later, in a different corner of the same house, the second part of the Ringelblum ghetto archives were discovered buried deep in the ground in milk cans.

As a result, the most accurate portrayal of Nazi brutality was saved for history.

The milk cans in which the archives were discovered are presently on display in their original condition in the Warsaw Jewish History Institute. They remain a grim testimonial for all generations about the black epoch of the Nazi regime and an eternal reminder of the fact that the German nation as a whole must take the responsibility for the terrible crimes against the Jewish people during the period of Nazism.

Canadian Jewish Congress presents views on Rights charter

By BEN KAYFETZ

The Canadian Jewish Congress, represented by two McGill professors, took its stand in the middle of last month on the vexing and controversial question of a new Canadian constitution.

Of the two law professors, one was 40-year-old Irwin Cotler who since last May has been the president of Congress; the other was his senior colleague, 70-year-old Maxwell Cohen, dean of the McGill law faculty who headed up the special CJC committee on the constitution.

Announcement of the committee's formation was one of the first steps taken by the new CJC president and the committee's initial meeting was held as early as July. By dint of steady and serious homework on the part of its members, the committee succeeded in being ready for the call and was able to present its brief to the joint committee of the Senate and Commons in its first week of hearings.

The committee drew its membership from all provinces of Canada coast to coast so that the provincial sensitivities could be taken into consideration.

At several points Dean Cohen discussed the implications of his task with the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress and with Rabbi Jordan Pearlson and this writer, of the Congress-B'nai B'rith community relations committee.

The committee's task was not easy. It had to reconcile the views of those who favored the British unwritten constitution concept with those who preferred a written document with all rights explicitly set forth. It had to resolve the differences between those who distrusted the bias of the courts, saying that the elected legislature — i.e. Parliament — should be supreme and those who could point to parliaments which have yielded to panic and paranoia, and who have confidence in the impartiality of the courts that act and make judgment independent of special interests and the ephemeral fads that come and go.

After all, they point out, the internment of Japanese Canadians and the imposition of the War Measures Act in 1970 were both enacted with parliamentary approval.

Most of all, there were built-in contradictions that posed problems, particularly for a committee representing the interests of a Jewish community.

In the United States the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech has to this day enabled Klansmen and the hatemongers to spout their poison without fear of stoppage. There is always a danger that a fine-sounding rhetorical principle may survive in a following generation as a rigid dogma that in changed circumstances binds the hand of the law and justice.

In the Skokie case, none of the courts could get around the basic "freedom of speech" principle as enunciated in the U.S. constitution, and the neo-Nazis could not be stopped from marching.

Guarantees against retroactivity might make it possible for the war criminal to go scot-free as some of the popularly understood war crimes were not defined as such, prior to 1945.

Provisions for "affirmative action" on jobs and education — meant for Indians, Eskimos and other disadvantaged — could eventually become extended to other groups and be distorted into a kind of quota system with all its evils (as has already happened in some institutions south of the border).

How did the Congress select committee on the Canadian constitution handle these questions?

In respect to hate propaganda it pointed to Article 20 of the UN's International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966 to which Canada has subscribed and which obliges endorsing states "to prohibit by law any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence."

By Article 19(3) of the UN's International Covenant, domestic legislation may subject the right to freedom of speech to restrictions necessary "for respect of the rights or reputations of others." Hate propaganda legislation, says the CJC statement, therefore "falls squarely within the internationally recognized exceptions to freedom of speech."

With respect to war crimes, the Charter of Rights presented by Mr. Trudeau says in Section 11(e) that:

"Anyone charged with an offense has the right . . . not to be found guilty on account of any act or omission that at the time of the act or omission did not constitute an offense."

Since in many jurisdictions the various acts known as war crimes did not constitute any kind of official offense, this clause, says the brief, might turn Canada into "a safe haven for Nazi war criminals", unless the word offense is more closely defined.

Here again the Congress committee refers to the UN Covenant of 1966 which in article 15(2) provides:

"Nothing in this Article shall prejudice the trial and punishment of any person for any act of omission which, at the time when it was committed, was criminal according to the general principle of law recognized by the community of nations."

Section 15 of the Trudeau Charter sets forth the following provisions:

(1) Everyone has the right to equality before the law and to the equal protection of the law without discrimination because of race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age or sex.

(2) This section does not preclude any law, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged persons or groups."

What the Charter here says quite explicitly is that while it proclaims the rights of equality and non-discrimination, it adds a rider that from time to time a certain kind of deviation from this may be applied — i.e. a form of discrimination in favor of groups who over the years have been disadvantaged.

Referring to 15(2) above, the Congress select committee comments as follows:

"While the committee is reluctant to accept any general theory of quotas in the name of affirmative action, the committee understands that there will be situations where years of cultural or educational deprivation will have created inequities. The committee accepts that such inequities can be dealt with by regional affirmative action programs. Generally, the committee is not in favor of quota systems and regards these cases as exceptions."

Speaking further on this matter of affirmative action, Prof. Cotler added the following when he addressed the Senate-Commons joint committee:

"It should be noted that affirmative action has indeed been with us for some time. The roots of affirmative action can be traced to the B & B report and to program for francophones, women, and native persons in the public service which were in place even before passage of the Human Rights Act.

"Many Canadian universities have developed special admission programs for native students with resulting increases in the rates of native enrolment. In a sense, Section 15 of the Human Rights Act has given legal expression to policies and practice already in place in Canada.

"In a word, we support the principle of affirmative action as set forth in the Section 15.2 of the Charter — with the caveat that we distinguish between "positive" affirmative action and "negative" affirmative action in the form of "quotas."

In respect to minority language rights, the Canadian Jewish Congress committee noted a significant point in the text of the proposed Charter. If one's language, native or acquired, is French in a province where English is the majority language or English where French is the majority language, then Section 23 confers the right upon these, as parents, to have their children taught in the minority English or French language, providing other circumstances (such as numbers, facilities, etc.) warrant.

However, the lawyers' keen reading revealed that this right is conferred only on parents who are Canadian citizens. This would mean that the province would have the right of requiring children of non-citizens to be taught in English only in Ontario or in French only in Quebec, no matter whether the former might stem from francophone Belgium and the latter from anglophone New Zealand.

The CJC brief says:

"The committee is concerned about several aspects of s. 23(1). First, the committee is of opinion that everyone should able to claim protection of this section."

One defect in the proposed Charter brought to attention by Maxwell Cohen and his team of jurists was that "the proposed Charter does not seem to include any provisions that deal with 'enforcement' as such." It was true that many of the issues would arise in criminal proceedings or in the course of civil litigation where enforcement procedures exist. But this still leaves an important gap in the enforcement process.

Courts, says the brief, "may be reluctant to give directions or orders. Therefore, some explicit statement of remedies and enforcement procedures is required."

The CJC brief also dealt with double jeopardy self-incrimination, rights in criminal law, the right to retain and instruct counsel, the right to habeas corpus and freedom from arbitrary or unreasonable search or seizure, etc.

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Who were on the committee?

A truly distinguished group of lawyers, both teachers and members of the practicing bar. Maxwell Cohen is the retired dean of law at McGill University. Irwin Cotler, when not administering the affairs of Canadian Jewish Congress, is a professor at McGill Law School (and formerly at Osgoode Hall-York University). Harry Arthurs and Martin Friedland are former deans of law at Osgoode Hall-York and the University of Toronto respectively.

Marvin Catzman, Lionel Schipper and John Laskin practice in Toronto. David Freeman, Morris Shumiatcher and David Matas practice respectively in Vancouver, Regina and Winnipeg. (David Matas flew up several times from New York where he is counsel to the Canadian delegation to the UN, dealing with refugees and human rights).

Frank Schlesinger is chairman of the Quebec Region of Congress and practices law in Montreal. Julius Grey teaches law at McGill; Gerald Gall teaches at the University of Alberta and Janice Stein is a political science teacher holding positions at York University and McGill.

David Lewis, now living in Ottawa, practiced law and, of course, was a well known political figure. Joseph Magnet of the University of Ottawa acted as a researcher and special advisor.

One full meeting was held in Montreal and two in Toronto, with subcommittee and drafting sessions in Ottawa.

Organizations and People

What's New

Diana Symons, left, and Margaret Messerek, right, talk with Toronto Jewish Congress chaplaincy services volunteer Julea Resnick at a Chanukah celebration held recently at Baycrest Terrace. Residents and over 65 guests from nursing homes and Metro homes for the aged were hosted by several communal organizations; Circle, Eglinton and Upper Canada lodges, B'nai B'rith, members of BBYO groups Alumbra and Raome, and TJC chaplaincy services volunteers. Music was provided by the Shma Israel Youth Orchestra, and Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg led the candle lighting.

WALLENBERG INFORMATION NEEDED

The Raoul Wallenberg committee is looking for anyone who had contact with Wallenberg in 1944-45, for the documentation of a historical record to be presented at the international hearing in Stockholm, Jan. 15, 16. Wallenberg is the Swedish Christian who saved countless Jews from Nazi extermination.

Recent "sightings" of Wallenberg in Moldvinia, USSR, in a special prison where those reported dead are actually held, lends new credence to the belief that he is alive. The purpose of the hearing is to press the Soviets either for his release, or for firm evidence that he is in fact dead.

If you have any information please contact **Ricky Mason**, at 489-4527, or 251-0559. Her address is 479 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto, M5P 2S8.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CLASSES

The National Council of Jewish Women is now accepting registrations for January for beginners and intermediate daytime and evening sign language classes, as well as for the 8-week programs, Enjoying Your Toddler, and Enjoying Your Pre-schooler. Courses are held at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. For further information and registration forms, please call 633-5100.

LEARN TO ACT

Koffler Centre of the Arts Theatre School is offering courses for children and teens in creative drama and acting. For adults there are Seneca accredited courses, Acting Technicians 1 and 2 (which may also be taken for general interest).

Robert Fried is now accepting students (by audition only) who want an intensive acting course which utilizes Laban, Uta Hagen and Stanislavsky.

All courses will be at both northern and Bloor branches of the Jewish Community Centre. For additional information contact **Rose Dubin**, 636-1880 ext. 30, or registrar at ext. 15.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Metro Red Cross blood donor clinics will be held in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 26 at the new city hall, Bay and Queen, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in North York on Monday, Dec. 29 at Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Highway 401 and Dufferin, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Keren Hatarbut announces that in future its Shalom Hebrew program will be shown on alternate Mondays at 1 p.m. on MTV Channel 47, and will be repeated on alternate Sundays at 9.30 a.m. on City TV, Channel 79.

Monday, Dec. 22, on MTV Channel 47, at 1 p.m. Beth Tzedec's Cantor **Paul Kowarski** will be featured, and **Dr. Edmund Lipsitz**, director of education for Toronto Jewish Congress will be interviewed by **Joseph Klinger** of Keren Hatarbut. A repeat will be aired on CITY TV Channel 79, Sunday, Jan. 4, at 9.30 a.m.

On MTV Channel 47, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10.30 a.m. with a repeat on Monday, Dec. 22, at 1.30 p.m., the Chai program will showcase the Klezmorim — a San Francisco area band specializing in European-Jewish music dating from the 1500s to the 1930s — and will also present Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation (Reform) who will speak on "Seeking Out Christians for Conversion."

DORIS' MUSICAL SHOW

A talented troupe, Doris' Musical Show, from the Centre for Creative Living, will give a variety performance at Spencer House, 26 Spencer Ave., at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18. On Monday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 12.30 p.m., the group will appear at the Don Mills Shopping Centre, 939 Lawrence Ave. E. All performances are free and everyone is invited. For further information call **Doris**, 248-4764, or **Anne**, 222-7422.

SENIORS' EVENTS

Eveyone is welcome when the Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club presents Israeli violist **Rivka Golani-Erdesz** in concert, Monday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m., in the Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave. Come and bring your friends.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club meets next for lunch at its headquarters, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 23. Humorist **Philip Cohen** will add spice to the meal. At lunch, 12 noon, Dec. 30, a 27-member Ukrainian musical group will entertain with songs and instrumentals. Everyone is urged to attend this last gathering before the Miami tour which begins Jan. 6.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Friendship Club is holding its installation of officers on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m., plus a joyful afternoon of humor. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. There are openings for new membership. For information call **Charles Cohen**, 741-4462.

Beth Sholom Synagogue seniors are concluding an active month. On Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m., speaker **Alex Serota**, executive member, United Israel Appeal, will discuss "The Middle East Today." The following week, Sunday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., **Henry C. Cowen**, Beth Sholom's executive director, will pose the question, "Is Anti-Semitism on the Rise?" Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 12 noon, a general meeting is scheduled with light lunch and entertainment by singer **Hazel Goldenberg** and her guitar.

"Scope," the school and community outreach program for the elderly, is a service where seniors' needs and willing students are matched up. Volunteers are required to take calls from seniors and record information to link up a registered student to perform the task. If you can set aside one afternoon a week, you will certainly enrich a student, and make a senior's life somewhat easier.

The program operates at Northview Heights Secondary School from 1 to 3.30 p.m. Prospective volunteers should call 481-6194.

Join Northeast Jewish Seniors for a Monte Carlo afternoon — rummy, bingo, scrabble, mah jongg — at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St., at 2.30 p.m. Bring your own cards and games; exchange favorite recipes. For further information call **Phyllis Verbin**, 493-8866.

Newly engaged cantor **Paul Kowarsky** will perform "In Melodies" for the Beth Tzedec Friendship Club at the regular meeting in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., at 1.15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23. There will be no meeting Dec. 30.

PRE-SCHOOL LEADER WANTED

An experienced Jewish leader is urgently needed to work with Gan Katan, a play group involving mothers and pre-school children which meets two mornings a week at Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoore Ave., Downsview. Call **Susan Greenwald**, 638-6695, or **Gitta Leibowitz**, 633-5376, for an interview.

QUEBEC RETREAT

B'nai Akiva Bayit, religious Zionist youth movement, is sponsoring a "Mosh-Cheref" winter retreat, Dec. 24-29, at Round **Hearth** Ski Lodge, Eastman, Que. One hundred young people from Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton are expected to attend.

The theme is "Modern Problems Facing Judaism," and topics included are "Evolution as Seen by the Torah," and "Anti-missionary Activities."

Social events will focus on winter sports, and the evening "kum sitz" around the fire.

For more information please call B'nai Akiva Zionist Youth Movement, 630-9266, or **Michael Levenstein**, 787-1925.

SINGLE PARENTS

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group general meeting is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m., in Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. The topic, "Parenting for Fathers and Mothers," will be presented by a panel from Jewish Family and Child Service. **Shifra Nussbaum, Allen Sheps** and **Yossi Derman** will discuss "Family Life and Child Rearing," and an open question period is to follow. **Maureen Gotfried**, co-chairman of adult programming will introduce the speakers.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information please call **Eileen Garber**, 493-8866.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m., you are invited to drop in at an informal open house, 32 James Gray Dr. (Leslie and Cummer). There will be a special Israeli presentation, and a selection of wines from Israel will be offered for sampling. Cost to members is $2; non-members, $3. Please call **Danny**, 496-1718.

The Single Parent Family Program has arranged a trip to the Limelight Theatre for a family performance of "Dick Whittington and His Cat," by the Aladdin Theatre, Sunday, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m. To reserve tickets with the group call by Dec. 22, 493-8866.

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR LEVEE

Mayor Mel Lastman and council members will receive residents at the annual North York New Year levee to be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 1, at the North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. Music will be provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Band and light refreshments will be served.

COURSES AT KOFFLER CENTRE

Commencing the week of Jan 19, the Centre for Human Affairs, Koffler Centre of the Arts, offers nine courses guaranteed to chase away winter doldrums. Included are Conventional Yiddish, Antique Appreciation, Beginners' Hebrew, Parent Effectiveness Training, Stock Market Investments, Adjusting to Motherhood, Assertiveness Training, Encouragement-Basic Positive Thinking and Current Events.

These courses will be held at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Information is available at 636-1880, ext. 33, 15 or 43.

POETRY CONTEST

Metro Toronto branch, Canadian Authors Association, is sponsoring its annual poetry contest for Metro area high school students from grades 10 through 13. First prize is $25, second — $15, third — $10. Winning poems will be submitted to the Canadian Author and Bookman for possible publication. Closing date is March 31. Results will be announced in April. Address inquiries to **Gail Hamilton**, P.O. Box 565, Station P, Toronto, M5S 2T1.

JEWISH CAMP COUNCIL

Several winter camp programs are offered from Dec. 21 through Jan. 4, by the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre in Parry Sound, for children, families or singles. For cost and information please call 924-6211.

SINGLES HAPPENINGS

There will be a pre New Year party at 9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, 40 Goldston Rd., suite 1505, for those planning to attend the New Year's singles weekend later at Maple Lodge, Parry Sound. For additional inflrmation call **Steven**, 491-6691.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Young Adults (19-29) invites you to a coffee house at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27. Admission, $2, includes refreshments and live entertainment.

The Young Professionals (18-35) have slated a social gathering for Saturday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., at 360 Ridelle, suite 1805. Cost is $2 per person and refreshments will be offered. Come and celebrate New Year's Eve at a very special party to be held at the same address. More information available from **Sheldon**, 653-1381, or **Rudy**, 638-7701. New members are welcome.

BRANSON PUBLIC SERVICE TV

North York Branson Hospital's continuing public service medical TV series 555 (for the address on Finch Ave. W.) will portray "Sports Injuries" with **Dr. John Fraser**, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., and "Health Care Careers" with guests **Jean Ballantyne** and **Dawn Ogram**, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m. Hosts are **Len Myers** and **Sandra Ross**. The programs are on Willow Downs Cable TV, Channel 10.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Adath Israel Brotherhood presents the annual New Year's Eve dinner and dance in the synagogue, 37 Southborne Ave., Wednesday, Dec. 31, "from 8.30 p.m. to the wee hours." Music is by **Bill Drew**. A full course dinner and open bar are included. For information and reservations please call (evenings only) **Marty Adelman**, 223-2344, and **Shelly Lazier**, 667-0099.

CALGARY JFS

It's obvious that Jewish Family Service in Calgary is a vital organization with considerable involvement in children's seniors' and newcomers' areas.

JFS is forming a committee to examine problems of Jewish children needing care by child welfare authorities. Several families with no close relatives have named in their wills the director of JFS as guardian of their children in the event something happens to them.

The committee on services to the aged is reviewing information on portable kosher meals and plans an increase in visits to the elderly.

And a letter to JFS from an immigrant puts it succintly: "Please find enclosed our check to repay the money which our family borrowed from you last year. We thank you for your help in making our beginnings in Calgary more comfortable. We are settling here and making new friends and acquaintances."

Dr. Stanley Wise of Leonard Mayzel Lodge, B'nai B'rith, looks on as new outreach workers discuss plans for BBYO in northeast Metro Toronto with regional director Ted Sokolsky. Outreach program is made possible by $4,000 grant from the Leonard Mayzel Lodge. In co-operation with Jewish Camp Council, teens throughout the area will be contacted and programs tailored specifically for them. For more information call the BBYO office at 635-9411.

SEUDAH SCHLISHIT

Har Zion Synagogue, Bayview Ave. north of Steeles, is holding a seudah schlishit, special Shabbat program, on Saturday, Dec. 27, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The question to be considered is "What is the Role of the Synagogue?" Potluck refreshments will be served, and the afternoon concludes with havdalah services.

Adults and teenagers are welcome and the program is open to non-members. For application forms contact Har Zion, 889-2252, during office hours.

MORNING SERVICES

Morning services at Beth Jacob V'anshe Drildz Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl., are at 6.30 a.m. and 6.45 a.m. To accommodate those for whom this is too early, a second minyan at 7.30 a.m. has been started under the leadership of **Hugh Silverman**. Please phone 638-4267 or 636-1945, for more information.

LUBAVITCH YOUTH

Lubavitch Youth Organization is scheduling a one-week seminar, Dec. 28 to Jan. 4, at the Rabbinical College of America, Morristown, N.J. This is for male students with minimal or no background in Judaism who are interested in learning elementary precepts of our heritage. In Toronto call 633-8020.

Bais Chana Women's Institute of Jewish Studies, St. Paul, Minn., offers a winter session, Dec. 22 to Jan. 25, embracing basic tenets of Judaism for high school and college age Jewish women with little or no formal education. Call 633-8020.

Experience an "Enconter with Chabad," during a weekend with a chassidic family in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Seminars, workshops, and discussions will be organized for students and young adults. Women's program is Dec. 18-21, and men's program is Dec. 25-28. Please call 633-8020.

TEMPLE SINAI PREMIERE

Temple Sinai will premiere Lou Applebaum's composition, "The Last Words of David," at its "Synagogue Music of Our Time" concert, Jan. 9. Combined with Temple's installation of officers, this special event in the "Musical Legacy" series features Temple Sinai Choir, Cantor **Severin Weingort**, and instrumentalists brought in for the occassion, all under the direction of **Ben Steinberg**. Service starts at 8.15 p.m.

TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL

John Sime, Toronto Arts Council chairman has announced that 1980 City of Toronto cultural project grants have been awarded to 83 Toronto theatre, dance, music, literary, film and visual arts organizations and individuals. Grants, ranging from $250 to $6,000, total $180,000.

Interested professioanl arts organizations and individuals based in Toronto may apply for 1981 City of Toronto cultural project funding through Toronto Arts Council. Applications will be available in January.

SERVICES FOR HOUSEBOUND

Go-fer Enterprises, a commercial firm, is offering special flexible rates for its services to seniors, shut-ins and others requiring assistance. Operating on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis, its staffers will shop, take people to the doctor, and fulfil various other functions when necessary. Please phone 366-0348.

HEADS WINNIPEG COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Council, Jewish National Fund, **Shelly Zitzerman** was elected president.

He is a well known lawyer and communal leader in Winnipeg. He has lectured at the University of Manitoba Law School, and in commerce, was president of the Imperial Group of Companies.

He is a member of the Manitoba and Canadian Bar Associations, Canadian Tax Foundations, Medico Legal Society, and International Commission of Jurists.

Zitzermann is a native Winnipegger, married to the former **Zelma Goldberg**. They have two children, **David** and **Mira**.

TRIBUTE FOR REVA

Ontario Premier Bill Davis and federal Opposition Leader Joe Clark were among the 500 people who paid tribute to Reva Gerstein at a recent testimonial dinner at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

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About People

I. B. "Gus" Weinstein has emerged from retirement to join Maple Leaf Press as special accounts representative. Gus, a lawyer, who retired last July as director of commercial registration for Ontario's ministry of consumer and commercial relations, fulfils a "longtime ambition to be connected with production of print as an expression of corporate image."

TURNER HONORED

The board of directors, Mount Sinai Hospital, recently honored executive director **Gerald P. Turner** on his 25th anniversary with the hospital.

Appointed assistant administrator in 1955, Turner became associate administrator in 1962, and administrator in 1966. He was appointed the chief executive officer in 1974, a position he still holds.

He has served as a member of the board for both the Hospital Council of Metropolitan Toronto and the Ontario Hospital Association.

ORTHODOX UNION PRESIDENT

Julius Berman, Forest Hills, N.Y., was elected to a second term as president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at the Orthodox Union national convention in Boston. **Nathan K. Gross** of Manhattan was elected chairman of the board of directors, and **Marcos Katz**, Mexico City, is chairman of the board of governors.

LABOR ZIONIST CHAIRMAN

The Labor Alliance, B. Borochov branch 124, has elected **Charles Wise** to his sixth term as chairman. **Leo Hertzberg** and **I. Spivack** are vice-chairmen; **Adam Altenberg**, treasurer; **Boris Sperber**, financial secretary, and **Louis Lunsky** and **M. Sharony**, cultural chairmen.

Selma Lenchner Frankel has been elected to the board of directors, Toronto Arts Productions, and has been appointed chairman of the musical advisory committee for TAP's "Music at the Centre" series at the St. Lawrence Centre. Mrs. Frankel pursued vocal studies in Italy and was a lead singer with the Radio Association of Italy at Turin. She also studied with the late Benjamin Britten and sang with the English Opera Group and Purcell Singers. She has performed on CBC radio and television. In recent years she has been active with the Junior Orchestra at University Settlement House, and the Bach Youth Orchestra.

Jan. 31 Variety Club Telethon to help handicapped children

TORONTO —

The Variety Club of Ontario will hold a province-wide Star Time telethon from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1, on Global Televison Network to raise funds for a new sports training and fitness centre for handicapped and underprivileged children in Ontario.

More then 100 Canadian and international stars will appear throughout the entertainment-filled, 21-hour event hosted by Monty Hall. Co-hosts for the telethon include Al Waxman, Kerrie Keane, Catherine McKinnon, Don Harron, Billy Van and Jack Duffy.

The sports complex contains a 70,000 square-foot field house and the entire project will accommodate about 55 sports activities. Although emphasis will be directed to the improvement and physical well-being of handicapped children, no child will be turned away, says the Variety Club.

Variety has raised over $8 million for handicapped and underpriviledged children in Ontario. Over 200 hospitals, schools and children's homes have received help from these funds.

Global Television is donating the 21 hours of air time for the telethon. Top Canadian headliners will include Andre Gagnon, Moe Koffman, Jimmy Dale and others.

VIPs including sports figures, prominent businessmen, community leaders, media personalities, actors and actresses will be amongst the volunteers on the phones to accept pledges.

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1980 CJA campaign a success in Winnipeg

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

The 1980 Combined Jewish Appeal was the most successful ever in a year in which Israel was not at war, according to Harold Buchwald, this year's campaign chairman.

However, said Buchwald, in a report at the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, the campaign fell short of its goal of a 14.5% overall increase over 1979 which was set to offset inflationary cost increases.

As has been the practice in previous years, Buchwald requested that campaign dollar amounts not be published in newspaper reports.

The campaign report was one of three funding reports presented to the annual meeting. The others were the financial statement of the Jewish Community Council for 1979 and the report of the budget and allocations committee for the current 12-month period ending on Aug. 31, 1981.

In his campaign report, Buchwald disclosed that the actual overall increase in campaign giving came to 8.6% for all contributions to the "two main beneficiary partners" — the United Israel Appeal and local, national and international agencies supported by the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

The Winnipeg campaign is conducted with a two-line card and Buchwald reported that on the UIA line an increase of 7.5 percent was recorded, while on the WJCC line there was an increase of 10.7%.

Since contributions on the WJCC line have been running around 40% of the overall total raised in recent years, the UIA is still getting the major share. Buchwald considered it a "dangerous trend" however that this year, as last year, larger increases are being made on the local campaign line than on the Israel campaign line.

The WJCC financial statement, circulated to delegates and contributors in attendance at the meeting, showed that for the year ending Dec. 31, 1979 the council had a total of $1,514,407 available to finance activities compared with $1,368,366 for the previous year. Of this total $1,236,674 went to beneficiary agencies in 1979, compared with $1,050,726 in 1978. Additional sums were allocated for capital fund, debt retirement, unforseen expenses and administrative costs.

Reporting for the WJCC budget and allocations committee, Elliot Rodin disclosed that for the 12-month period ending Aug. 31, 1981, the total available for allocation to beneficiary agencies is $1,482,612. Of this, the largest amount, $1,025,000, is going to the Board of Jewish Education to be re-allocated to the four Winnipeg day schools. The allocation to the BJE also includes $30,000 for operating costs for the board during its start-up period of January to August, 1980.

The next largest WJCC allocation of $160,000 goes to Winnipeg's Jewish Child and Family service and includes an increase of close to $15,000.

The biggest allocation increase, $64,875 compared to $37,000, goes to the Commission on Aging, which in turn subsidizes services to the elderly provided by the Jewish Child and Family Service, the YMHA Centre and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Additional increased allocations will go to the YMHA Centre, $50,000 compared to $30,000; college and campus youth programs, $28,500 compared to $21,975. Increased grants are also going to B'nai B'rith camp, the Jewish Public Library and the Jewish Historical Society.

BB applauds stand on human rights

OTTAWA —

Canada's attack on human rights abuses in the Soviet Union was applauded by Canadian B'nai B'rith leaders last week.

Louis Rogers, Canada's ambassador-at-large to the Madrid Conference of Security and Co-operation, recently told fellow delegates that Canadian public opinion would compel him to challenge the Soviet Union on a number of related matters. These included:

- Soviet punishment of Russian dissidents.
- Harassment of persons seeking emigration visas.
- The disturbing growth of officially sponsored anti-semitism.

In a telegram of commendation to Rogers, BB President Ted Greenfield and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, stated that "Canadian Jewry is indeed proud of their government, which consistently stands fast on issues of import for humanitarians the world over."

The telegram added that Canada's position is most timely "in light of the recent incidents of anti-semitism and the rise of neo-Nazi and other racist groups throughout the world."

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Organizations and People

Orthodox Jew receives apology from police for false arrest

Wants judges to pay more attention to Jewish holidays

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — Judges and courts should pay more attention to the Jewish calendar and all religious holidays when arranging for court appearances, according to an Orthodox Jew who had to pay $500 in legal fees and court costs because he refused to appear in court on Shavuoth.

Phil Lazar, 35, recently made headlines in Toronto newspapers as a plaintiff in a 3½-year, $200,000 civil court suit against Metro Toronto police.

Lazar dropped the suit after police lawyer, Ronald Parker, tendered a public apology for the humiliation Lazar suffered after he was falsely arrested as a hit-and-run suspect on April 22, 1977.

It cost Lazar $15,000 to make his point that "people are human beings and entitled to be treated with ordinary decency and consideration. And when you make a mistake, as in the case of false arrest," he said, "you should be prepared to say you are sorry.

"That's all the police had to do — apologize to me for all the embarassment they caused me and my family, and I would have been happy. I would even have had a drink of non-kosher wine with them if they apologized."

He emphasized that he still regards the Metro police force with great respect, but he insists that they should have showed him the same respect.

Lazar, a soft-spoken man, said that when the police treated him like "a thing," a cipher without feelings, he felt he had to protest.

He recounted how two police officers marched into Honest Ed's offices, where he has worked for the last 18 years, and charged him with leaving the scene of a hit-and-run accident. Although he protested his innocence, and offered an explanation for his whereabouts at the time, he was asked to accompany the two policemen to the police station.

An Orthodox Jew who said he lives in strict obedience to both secular and Jewish law, he was mortified when he had to walk through his offices and the store, past people he has worked with for so many years. When he went out to the police car, customers and neighbors looked at him as if he were a criminal, he said.

At the station, the officers called his children's school to check his defence that he was driving his two boys to school at the time of the accident. The principal, the teacher and the children all were questioned.

Lazar maintained that he was not allowed to call his lawyer right away, and that he was almost in tears from the interrogation. He was released upon new evidence from withnesses, but his agitation was intense.

"If you make a mistake like this, if you humiliate someone's sense of dignity, than the moral thing to do is apologize," Lazar stressed.

"I never wanted a penny from the police," Lazar said, "but I had to make my protest, so I launched a suit against them for 'false arrest and false imprisonment . . . causing severe mental distress, nervous shock and emotional upset.'"

About a year and a half later, with the case still adjourned (there were 12 adjournments over 3½ years), Lazar got the word through third parties that the police would write him a letter of apology.

"What would I do with a letter like that, hang it up on the wall?" Lazar asked. "After all that time, I wanted nothing less than a public apology before a judge and jury, not a typewritten letter to get me off their backs."

Lazar stressed that he tries to live his life according to halachic law. He told The CJN he took a $14,000 cut in salary when his job as a buyer at Honest Ed's meant working on Shabbat. "I have to live comfortably with myself as a Jew," he said.

Lazar said he had unswerving support from his wife, Esther, and his seven brothers and seven sisters. His late father, Lloyd Lazar of Hamilton, who won a Governor-General's citation for giving blood 125 times, raised the family to believe that life only had meaning in service to others and to God, he said.

The court apology, which ran six pages, made Lazar feel "tickled pink." The only thing that still rankles him is that he had to pay $500 for not appearing in court on Shavuoth.

Rabbi David Monson from Beth Sholom Synagogue went to bat for him. In a letter to the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Rabbi Monson wrote that Lazar "is only a hard-working man who earns a meagre livelihood by the sweat of his brow." He said that an observant Jew such as Lazar should not have been called into court on the Feast of Pentecost.

Monson asked for the $500 to be returned to Lazar, and Lazar, again on principle, wants it back, too. But he's not going to push any legal suit. It would be enough for him, he said, if in the future, the courts and judges gave the Jewish calendar more serious consideration.

"The judge told me he never heard of Shavuoth, that all the Jewish judges he knew were working on that day — but again, that's not the point. Everyone practices his own level of religion. I don't ask that everyone do what I do. I just ask respect for what I do."

Lazar conceded that if the judge had perhaps been notified more in advance, he probably would have accommodated him.

According to Ben Kayfetz, national executive director of the Joint Community Relation Committee, both police and courts in Toronto usually try hard to accommodate religious sensibilities.

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Israeli seniors active and busy when participating in workshops

TEL AVIV — "Work is the answer to the pensioner's prayer" could be the theme of a new program for senior citizens in Israel, which is providing spiritual and material sustenance for thousands of retirees from every walk of life.

Telem (Program for Employment of Retirees) with the support of Bank Leumi Le-Israel, conducts workshops in urban neighborhoods throughout Israel, to provide pensioners with life-inspiring occupation and activity.

Housed in pleasant local clubrooms provided by municipalities and social service organizations, Telem offers simple work projects for groups of 15-25 persons, aged 66 and up, who meet four to five hours each morning in a commercially productive and fraternal atmosphere.

They perform piecework assignments such as assembling packing materials, bookbinding, labelling medicines and other jobs received from Israeli companies and institutions. The wages provide a welcome addition to their social security benefits, helping them face up to Israel's galloping inflation.

There are 102 Telem clubs accommodating more than 3,500 persons and an estimated 10,000 have been served during the past six years since its founding.

The work is directed by volunteer counsellors at each centre, retirees themselves, who obtain the work, explain it, keep records of payments due and help evereyone find his niche in the group.

Possibly more than providing work, the Telem clubhouse, according to the participants, takes the oldsters out of a lonely apartment to a congenial gathering of contemporaries; tea is drunk, gossip is exchanged, experiences are shared, friendships are formed — all in the framework of purposeful and remunerative activity.

One Yiddish-speaking pensioner from Poland, 35 years in the country, put it this way: "Man must belong to something. He must always prove his value, even to his children. One should be busy even though he may not have to work every day for his bread."

A woman who comes to a Telem centre in Tel Aviv every day with her husband who immigrated 21 years ago from Bulgaria, says: "Itzhak is sick each Sabbath but he hasn't had a complaint during a working day in the two years we've been here."

A more recent pensioner from Romania explained: "The work gives me a reason to get up in the morning, and out of the house and to be tired enough to sleep at night."

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JANUARY

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JANUARY 11, 10 A.M.
The Legal, Halachic and Social Aspects of who is a Jew.
JANUARY 18, 10 A.M.
Religion and State in the Jewish State.
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These programs co-sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – DR. HAROLD FISCH, of the Department of English, Bar Ilan University, Israel will lecture on Sunday morning and Sunday evening at 8 p.m. on the theme: "THE ZIONIST REVOLUTION".

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – RABBI GERSHON WINER, Adjunct Professor attached to Brandeis University's Israel program, will give a series of lectures in English, Hebrew and Yiddish on Sholom Ash, Zionist Utopias and conflicts within the history of the Zionist movement.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – RABBI JOEL ROTH, of the Jewish Theological Seminary will give a series of classes and shiurim on various aspects of Talmud. Rabbi Roth is Professor of Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature and will be offering textual study of key Talmudic tractates.

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
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Professor Arnold Ages
Every Saturday morning from September through June 15, at 9:45 Professor Ages discusses the weekly Torah reading in order to help worshippers understand the scope of the Parsha they will hear recited in the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the class. Professor Ages combines both the traditional interpretive approach with more modern theories about the uniqueness of the Torah.

SATURDAY MINHA: HUMASH AND RASHI
Mr. Andor Heisz
Every Saturday afternoon one hour before Minha, Mr. Andor Heisz conducts a class with the emphasis on Rashi's understanding of the Torah. In this class Rashi's commitment to the p'shat or simple meaning of the text is explored along with his frequent borrowings from the Midrash.

Organizations and People

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1980 bad year for soothsayers

By CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

As the calendar year 1980 is about to depart, the astrologers, soothsayers and clairvoyants are preparing their predictions for the 12 months that lie ahead. Israel, too, has its crystal-gazers, and all are now consulting their globes, their stars, their tea leaves, or whatever may be their sources of information.

But what about their predictions uttered in December, 1979? What did they forecast for the 12 months now elapsing, and how right were they? Does nobody recall their predictions? Well, we do! We saved all the prophecies and prognostications, all the expectations and the forebodings and we spread them out before us now to see how well the prophets did.

One of the best known in Israel is Herzl Lipshitz, whose claim to fame was his accurate prediction of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty at a time when such an augury was dismissed as a hallucination.

Last year Lipshitz forecast for 1980, the year we know so well: the collapse of Khomeini and the return of the shah to power; an unprecedented economic revival in Israel; a sharp increase in aliya from Russia and from elsewhere as well; the discovery of oil in Israel; a political comeback for Yigal Allon and Moshe Dayan, and the re-election of Jimmy Carter.

It seems to have been a catastrophic year for Lipshitz, but in 1979 he ventured into 1981-82 as well. He foresaw the beginning of a great world conflagration with widespread use of nuclear bombs; disaster all over the world — and in 1982 California will be wiped off the map.

Cheer up: his record for inaccuracy may be consistent.

Next fortune-teller: This one is Miriam Spector, who calls herself a psychological astrologer, but she refuses to cast horoscopes for individuals. She says people usually come around when they are in trouble, and she doesn't want to be the one to tell them the bad news.

Miriam's predictions in 1979 for the year 1980: the Moslem revolution in Iran will get stronger and spread; inflation in Israel will continue at a dizzying pace; not a chance in the world of finding oil here; Ezer Weizman will have the worst year in his life; no increase in aliya, and continued yerida; Peres has no political chances; and the President of the United States will be assassinated in office.

Her record is a pretty good one.

Next clairvoyant: Miriam Tamir claims to have been the personal astrologer of the shah when he was at the height of his power. (What happened? Did he fail to heed her advice?)

Her vision of what would happen in 1980: There will be a sharp increase in crime in Israel; negotiations will begin with Jordan eventually leading to peace with that country; Khomeini will fall, but Jimmy Carter will be re-elected. Ezer Weizman will some day be Prime Minister and if President Yitzhak Navon goes into active politics he will be enormously successful.

We have before us the digest of still another scenario, this one written 10 years ago. In 1971 a brain trust of serious scientists, psychologists, sociologists, economics, journalists, educators and others, put their heads together and on a scientific basis tried to visualize what this country would be like by 1981.

In brief they forecast: a decade of peace, economic prosperity, reduction in aliya and increase in yerida. They saw Arabs gradually taking over in the Israel labor market, in agriculture in tourist hotels and elsewhere, with Israelis refusing to do menial work and preferring to draw unemployment compensation.

The 1971 ambitious plans to abolish poverty and eradicate slums would fail completely and the housing shortage would get worse. The waters of the country and the air over the cities would become increasingly polluted. Organized crime would rise to an alarming degree . . . all this expected under a Labor government.

On the whole, the scientists of 10 years ago, with their computers and their statistical projections did far better than the soothsayers with their stars and their crystal balls.

And what does everybody have to say about 1981? You, too, can be a successful prophet. Set down your predictions in detail, put them away for 12 months, and next year write and tell me how good you were.

Zvi Garcy, third from right, gets a handshake from Reuben Madseker, president of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews, after he addressed the society's UJA meeting. With them from the left, are: Harry Kaplan, E. Abramovitch, Mrs. Jacob Gavendo and Sam Rappaport.

Pioneering Israelis are moving to Ariel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

For Israelis who seldom venture beyond the country's 1967 borders, it comes as something a surprise to find just how close they live to those much disputed Jewish settlements in "the territories."

This struck home to me last week on a visit to Ariel, the largest Jewish settlement in Samaria and the second largest — after Kiryat Arba — in the West Bank area. Ariel, I discovered, is located a mere 12 miles east of Petah Tikva, itself a suburb of Tel Aviv, and just 20 minutes by winding road beyond the so-called green line that marks Israel's borders before the Six Day War.

The people who live in Ariel are quite different from most Jews in "the territories," being mainly non-religious and not stridently political. Typical of them is Raya, formerly of Tel Aviv, who now resides with her husband and three daughters in a semi-detached home less than one-third the size of the one she left behind.

Why did she come to Ariel? Her answer is simple, perhaps too simple. "I'm here," Raya told me, "because things will be better for the State of Israel and the people of Israel if there are Jews living in Samaria."

Like most residents of Ariel, Raya is a Sabra with a good education (she holds a bachelor's degree in biology but now works as an educational administrator. Other people there range from lawyers (like her husband Moshe) to engineers and architects, technicians and bus drivers. The great majority work in or near Tel Aviv, which means that they spend about two hours per day commuting.

Yet, cramped quarters and incessant commuting notwithstanding, they seem satisfied. For the 170 families who have come to Ariel since it was first set up 2½ years ago are still there, and another 1,000 are waiting to join them as soon as housing becomes available.

What of the future? Of course, neither Raya nor her neighbors know for sure what will happen to their settlement. But they argue that no Israeli government will agree to a return to the country's 1967 borders, and that any reasonable territorial compromise will leave Ariel under Israeli sovereignty.

Much less likely to remain under Israeli sovereignty are the Jewish settlements further to the West and closer to large Arab population centres. A case in point is Ofra, on the outskirts of Ramallah.

Ofra was the first Gush Emunim village set up in Samaria and today is probably the most prosperous. And unlike Ariel, which is essentially a bedroom suburb of Tel Aviv, Ofra is both the home and work place of the 400 people who live there. Its enterprises include a silk-screening and textile printing firm, several metal and carpentry shops, a computer-programming centre and a honey-processing plant.

Ofra's members are determined to stay put, no matter what the politicians may decide. This is made crystal clear by Aaron, an immigrant from Wales who gave up his job as an engineer at Israel Aircraft Industries in order to move there and now serves as the village's secretary. "Our being here," he declares, "is vital to Israel's security, but that is not the most important thing. More significant is the fact that God promised us this land, and if we leave it he is likely to abandon us altogether."

Rhetoric aside, the Jewish population in Judea and Samaria — or the West Bank if you prefer — is really quite small. If the residents of Jerusalem's new, across-the-green-line suburbs are excluded, it numbers just 17,400 people, as compared to 30 times that many Arabs. And even should the Likud government's settlement plans be carried out in full during the next year, there will be 25,000 Jews in the West Bank area and the ratio between Jews and Arabs will remain substantially unchanged.

What do the Arabs of the West Bank want? The answer, at least in public, is always the same: a Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO. In private conventions other views are occasionally heard, but ever since several "collaborators" were gunned down, no Arab has dared to dispute PLO supremacy.

The more diplomatic of them, like former Jordanian Minister Anwar Nusseibah, a veteran resident of East Jerusalem, speak hopefully of a post-occupation era during which "the semitic peoples, Jews and Arabs, will work together in the cause of peace."

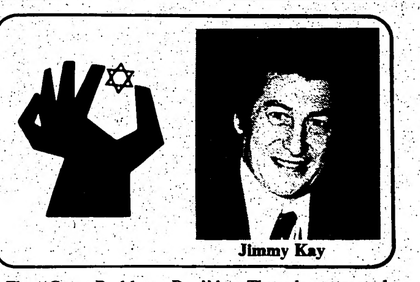
Others see no solution short of Israel's elimination as a sovereign state. This latter view was expressed recently by Ramallah Mayor Karim Halaf, who was wounded in an as yet unsolved bombing over six months ago. In an interview published in the Beirut daily El Hadaf, Halaf is quoted as declaring that "Nazareth, Jaffa, and Haifa are no less part of Palestine than Ramallah and Nablus."

He went on to declare that there was now full cooperation between "the Arabs of 1948" (those who were citizens of Israel) and "the Arabs of 1967" (those who lived in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip). "Both groups," Halaf said, "believe that Israel is destined to disappear."

Are such statements, and the PLO's Palestine covenant that says the same thing, to be taken at face value? "Not exactly," says Dani, an Israeli journalist who has been covering the Israeli administered areas for over ten years. He claims that Arab leaders, as realists, would come to terms with Israel if she were to take the initiative and "force them" to accept some less extreme solution

In this context, Dani sees great value in Dayan's suggestion for a unilateral withdrawal of the Israeli military government from major Arab population centres. "In such a situation, the Arabs would have to forget all their PLO slogans and look after their own affairs, in de-facto co-operation with Israel," Dani declares.

Be that as it may, there will apparently be no new Israeli initiatives while the present government remains in office. And even if the Labor Party takes over next year, it is far from clear whether the initiative about which it is now talking, a territorial compromise based on an agreement with Hussein, could actually be implemented.



Jimmy Kay

The "Great Buddy-up Day" last Thursday attracted a very healthy turnout of veteran canvassers. As this was being written, **Harry Binder** was going great guns, with a number of other canvassers giving him a good **run for the money**, if you'll pardon the expression.

Among those who joined Harry at breakfast were **Charles Anthony, Michael Benjamin, Stephen Berger, Sid Chelsky, Bill Dunn, Dave Freeman, Mark Friedman, Ira Gerstein, Harry Gorman, Dave Green, Max Handelman, Nat Hurwich, Fred Metter, Lew Moses, Allan Offman, Wayne Tanenbaum, Max Zelfman.**

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The opening canvassers meeting of the Graphics Communication division took the form of a breakfast gabfest at the home of co-chairman **John Alexander**. On hand to hear the most up-to-date information on Israel from **Zvi Garcy** were, John's co-chairman **Alvin Schrage, Barbara Cooper, Mark Collin, Larry Fink, Peretz Lootsteen, Donny Rich, Irving Wolfe** and Business Division chairman, **Sid Chelsky**.

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By the way, in our report last week on the Dentists' meeting at the Alpha Omega Fraternity headquarters, we neglected to mention that **Dr. Alan Gans** is this year's UJA chairman. Our apologies Alan!

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One of the problems of getting out a weekly column and meeting deadlines is that at times, important meetings and events somehow get shunted aside due to lack of space or other reasons.

Such has been the case with the opening meeting of the Synagogue Division at Beth Tzedec in November.

Although it took place more than a month ago, I'm going to tell you about it. It was a marvellous evening with a great turnout, I know whereof I speak. I was there!

Under the chairmanship of veteran campaigner **Nat Hurwich** and vice-chairman **David Blank**, things are happening in that division as never before, I'm told.

Just about every synagogue in the city was represented at the meeting as well as a large contingent of Rabbis who pledged their full support.

The division is setting high goals for 1981. The aim is to raise $1 million as compared to $500,000 raised in 1980. Congregants who have been non-contributors in the past will be asked to give a minimum gift of $104 ($2 per week).

Sam Falvish, UJA chairman for Beth Jacob Synagogue, says his campaign is nearing completion. And special mention should be made for the first-year full participation by members of Sha'ar Shalom, on Metro's north-east outskirts. **Tom Fischer** is that synagogue's UJA chairman.

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Jack Spears, chairman for the Heavy Industry division, reports that **Leon Kaminsky** is the pacesetting canvasser in his group. Not only has Leon been getting as high as 50% increased on many cards he's covered, he's also managed to reactivate a number of contributors who have been, shall we say, dormant for a few years. Nice going, Leon!

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Never let it be said that the Women's Division rests on its laurels. After one of the most successful UJA Days ever, the women have gone on from one activity to the next.

Six telethons at which more than 100 women participated, have reaped in $60,000 (a 25% increase over the same period last year), all under the able direction of Telethon Co-ordinator **Jacquie Kolber**. Jacquie had a lot of help from her co-chairmen in the planning of the telethons. So many thanks to **Lynn Albert, Bonnie Goldstein, Helen Green, Bonnie Horowitz, Karen Rotstein,** and **Deena Sigel.**

Community Education co-chairmen **Renata Somers** and **Frances Mandel** would like to publicly acknowledge the generosity of **Wycliffe Country Club Estates**, who provided the use of its model home in the Unionville project for an Outreach evening last week. **Marilyn Rotenberg** and **Joan Tobe** were in charge of arrangements in setting up the program. As the invitation so well stated: "We are spreading."

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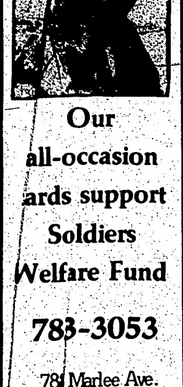

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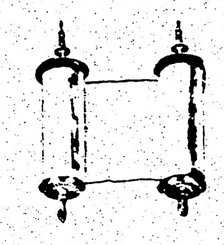

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayechi

When will the Meshiach come? With all the tzores that the Jewish people — and the world — are in, when will we see a true peace in the world?

There was a poor couple that struggled for many years until finally their luck changed and they prospered. One Shabbat the husband came home from the synagogue very upset. "The rabbi told us that any day now the Messiah can come," he explained to his wife. "We will have to leave our little farm that we worked on and pack up and go to Palestine. Imagine, after all that work, we have to abandon everything!"

"Don't worry," she comforted him, "we Jews have lived through many tzores. We'll be able to live through the Meshiach as well."

There are two "datelines" when the Messiah can come — "b'itah achishena . . . In its time, I will hasten it . . ." announced the prophet Isaiah. Asked the rabbis: "If it has a set time, how can G-d hasten it? And if He will hasten it, how can it have a set time?"

And they explained — there are two times that the Messiah can come. If the Jews are worthy ("zachu"), the Messiah will come early, unexpectedly, suddenly. Today. Tomorrow. If the Jews are not worthy ("lo zachu"), then the Messiah will come at his set time, ready or not.

That's why we find an interesting thing. When Father Jacob was about to die, he gathered his sons together to give them a final blessing. When these pillars of the Jewish people were collected around his bed, Jacob wanted to tell them the date that the Messiah would come. Immediately, says Rashi, the Holy Shechina departed from him, and he couldn't speak . . .

Strange . . . Jacob was about to reveal the greatest secret of the world, so vital — why should the Shechina depart?

But if Jacob had been allowed to announce a fixed date, it would have meant that the Jewish people were never worthy of an early date. The Meshiach would come only because G-d granted them grace, not because they earned redemption — so the Shechina departed.

A Jew must wait every morning for the Messiah — maybe he will come today!

Reality is not a soap opera on TV, or some media hype. Reality is G-d's plan for the universe. Before the Hafezt Haim would set out on an extended trip, he would always take along his special Shabbat coat. Asked why, he answered: "Maybe the Messiah will come in the meantime, and I will have to go out to greet him."

Another tzadik always gave instructions to his shammos to wake him up in case the Meshiach came during his nap. "B'chol yom achakeh lo — every day I wait for him . . ."

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When the days of the Messiah's arrival comes, things won't be easy. There will be chutzpah, inflation, the birth pangs of the Messiah. Children won't respect parents, money will be worthless. (Sounds like he should be here any day.)

A maggid came to a certain town to deliver a sermon. As was the custom in those days, he attacked the Jews for their sins. When the Baal Shem Tov, who was in the congregation, heard his words, he left in disgust.

He told his disciples: "Our rabbis teach that when Jacob wanted to reveal the coming of the Messiah, the Shechina departed from him. Why? What was so bad? But as you know, when the Messiah will come, the Jews will be in a low state. There will be arrogance, disrespect, disunity among our people. All this, Jacob would have to announce. The Shechina didn't want to hear such criticism of the Jewish people, so it departed."

There are enough outsiders who find faults with the Jewish people — we must practice Ahavat Yisrael, love of every Jew, every second.

Shabbat Shalom.

Rabbis, lay leaders discuss Jewish unity

BOSTON —

The issue of unity dominated the recent national convention here of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, attended by 500 lay and rabbinic leaders.

Rabbi Sol Roth, president of the Rabbinic Council of America, called for redoubled efforts to unify all segments of the community. In a Saturday morning sermon, Rabbi Roth described the bond that unites the Jewish people "as stronger and qualitatively different" from the unifying forces within any other people.

"The Jewish people is a single organism," he said. "Any loss is felt with equal intensity throughout."

He urged the Orthodox union and the council to increase their joint efforts to strengthen Jewish education at all levels. While acknowledging that such an effort could be difficult and expensive, Rabbi Roth said that it was vital to "mobilize our resources now before further damage is done through assimilation."

Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, urged the Orthodox community to stop the "wasteful proliferation" of competing organizations and educational institutions, and to identify more closely with the non-Orthodox Jewish community.

Dr. Lamm said the Talmudic concept of "areivus" — the mutual responsibility of Jews for each other — was particularly pressing in this time of massive assimilation. He rejected what he described as the "exclusivis" view which maintains that the observant segment "confine its responsibility strictly to the Torah community and abandon the others . . . on the assumption that most (non-Orthodox) Jews, barring supernatural intervention, are doomed to extinction."

Lamm said it was immoral for the Orthodox to demand support from secular Jewish federations and simultaneously deny the responsibility to participate in the wider community's activities and concerns.

"We went up the same chimney and reclaimed the same land," said Lamm. "We do not have the moral or halachic rights to renounce our responsibility for even one Jew, let alone all the Jews, or most of them."

Dr. Lamm stressed the areivus view as being the appropriate one. "The entire Jewish world is our world. We are part of that community, just as we are part of the Torah-observant community, and we ultimately hope to make both one and the same. . . . We must not restrict ourselves to issues which concern our Orthodox community alone."

Taking another view, Rabbi Levi Horowitz, the "Bostoner rebbe," described the growing polarization of the American Jewish community as "a sign of the coming of the Messiah."

He interpreted the present situation, in which he saw more Jews becoming either completely religious or completely assimilated, as fitting one of the Talmud's descriptions of the Messianic age. "At that time, the Jewish people would be either totally righteous or totally guilty, the Talmud says," stressed Rabbi Horowitz.

Baalei Teshuva — Jews from an assimilated background coming to embrace Orthodox observance — were discussed by rabbis experienced in dealing with them.

Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice-president of the Orthodox Union, termed the baal teshuva as a valuable asset to the day school and other community institutions, "injecting a new enthusiasm into programs and activities." He called on all Orthodox institutions to find ways of accommodating the products of the baal teshuvah movement. "It is a unique blessing to our generation, which, only 35 years ago, was brought by the Holocaust to the brink of total destruction," said Rabbi Stolper.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss, of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and Stern College, contrasted the religious outlook of the baal teshuvah with that of the lifelong Orthodox Jew — one wich, he said, requires more dialogue between the two in order to achieve greater understanding.

Rabbi Weiss said:

• The lifelong Orthodox Jew often feels intimidated by the enthusiasm of the baal teshuvah, for whom the performance of mitzvot is a new and exciting construction of a bridge to God.

• The baal teshuvah often feels shut out from institutions run by lifelong Orthodox Jews.

• Because of the baal teshuvah's often sparse background and intensive drive to achieve a Torah lifestyle, he is often viewed as a fanatic. But he — or she — sees his quest as sincere, and is painfully aware of the handicaps imposed by his inadequate background.

The Orthodox Union convention was held Nov. 27 to 30, at the Sheraton, Boston.

Julius Berman of Forest Hills, N.Y., was re-elected to a second term as president. Nathan Gross of New York City, who served for more than 30 years as a national vice-president and as chairman of its joint kashruth committee, was elected chairman of the board of directors. Marcos Katz, of Mexico City, was elected to the new position of chairman of the board of governors.

MACCABIAH RUN

More than 150 Toronto runners battled freezing rain when they took part in this year's Maccabiah Chanukah Run for Freedom from the Toronto International Airport to the Jewish Community Centre. At the airport, Ronit Batson, 18, of Israel, handed over a torch which she brought from Israel. Similar runs were conducted throughout Canada. Aim of the run: to promote the Maccabiah games in Israel next summer.

Smaller centres

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endar of national events, suggest program ideas, review books of cultural interest and publicize available Judaica correspondence courses.

• Establishment of a "twinning program" to unite small communities with larger ones, thereby "encouraging communication and program assistance."

• Expansion of the IOI (the bi-weekly CJC information bulletins) list to include residents in outlying small communities.

• Installation of a "problem hot line," whereby the national community staff person would be available to consult directly with communities about local Jewish issues and activities.

According to Krivel, "for some communities it is already too late, but there are many others that have the potential to be viable and provide the Jewish framework in which a young child can develop his identity and commitment to his people.

"Our programs alone will not arrest the inexorable tide of demographic and financial realities," he added. "But Congress must commit its resources to make this transition one that is full of the sense of Am Yisrael so that not one person is lost to us through lack of contact or neglect."

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Cult deceptions said to demand constant education of public

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO —

Constant public education is vital to combat a "sophisticated and deceptive" recruitment program initiated by cults, Michael Kropfield, a preventive anti-cult educator, told an audience at the Beth Tzedec's annual Arthur Siggner memorial lecture co-sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

"The cults are engaged in active recruiting which appeals to one's emotions, not intellect," stated Kropfield. "They superficially aim at an individual's interest, needs and desires. There is no overt attempt to inform the person of the group's nature or beliefs."

For three weeks, Kropfield was a participant in the Unification Church's "community" programs in Montreal without ever realizing the group's true focus.

After such initial encounters, according to Kropfield, a "distinct sophisticated brainwashing" occurs. No physical coercion is present and yet the appearance of sincerity, isolation from normal reality and constant stressful physical activity serve to erode the individual's natural resistance.

"The major myth," continued Kropfield, "is that cult members are strange to begin with," and consequently would naturally gravitate to such fringe groups. This has not been the case, however.

Dr. Saul Levine, professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, told the audience that cults "do not attract more clinically disturbed sections of the populace than any other group. Those involved, usually between the ages of 17 and 30 are not more mentally disturbed. They are just individuals with a preoccupation for personal fulfilment."

Both Levine and Kropfield emphasized the "totalitarian nature" of the cult's hierarchy. Complete subservience to a dominant leader claiming to be divine, novel rites and the group's general charismatic nature contribute to much of a cult's allure to impressionable youth, they stated.

"Membership in such a group is contingent upon unwavering allegiance to the leader," said Levine. "Before Jonestown, people thought cults were relatively benign. However, in such extreme organizations, the potential for danger does exist."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, explaining the reasons for the recent proliferation of cults, cited two major factors; the pressure on young people to attain "success as the key to life's fulfilment," and the general breakdown of the family unit.

"Most young people are looking for a pathway through the forest," said Pearlson. "University can no longer deliver instant privilege. Times have changed and yet young people still have the pressure of attaining success from their family and society. There is a contraction rather than an expansion of opportunities taking place."

According to Pearlson, the traditional structure and authority of the family has been replaced to a large extent by the culture of TV and peer groups — a culture which is largely kept secret from the parents.

"There is a great and illicit antagonism against parents, composed of values in contrast to the pre-eminent family values of acquisition as the key to salvation," he said.

With the changes in the supportive structure of the young are coupled the "accumulative frustrations of a smorgasbord with too many dishes. God after god has failed. The culture has tried to convince that only the new is authentic."

The cults have offered their members a "pseudo family" and become the answer to the loneliness for those who break from their family. They offer a "strengthening of resistance" to parental return and a function in life with a new set of structured ground rules.

"As Jews," stated Pearlson, "we have always lost to other cultures in the free market place of ideas. The real problem is that cults are failing to observe the ground rules of the market place. Just as one joins, one should be able to walk away at will. There is growing evidence that this is not occurring."

100th birthday celebration for David Collis

TORONTO —

David Collis, a Toronto-area resident for 78 years, is celebrating his 100th birthday this Sunday.

A party is planned in his honor at the Inn on the Park by his children: Murray and Florence Collis, Min Rieder, Sam and Anne Collis, Bill and Tillie Collis and Eve Ennis.

Mr. Collis has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was born in the small Russian town of Baranevka. He emigrated to London, England, at the turn of the century. There he met and married his wife, the late Sarah Collis. After two years, they came to Canada and took up residence in Oshawa, where Collis ran a retail furniture store. Upon his retirement 24 years ago, the couple moved to Toronto. Sarah died several years later.

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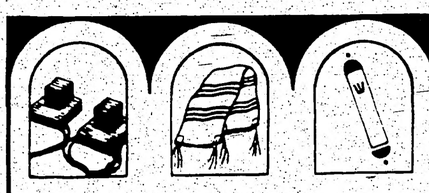
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To write book, continue with Massuah

Community firebrand Jacob Egit retires

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Community firebrand Jacob Egit is retiring, to, among other things, shed light on a little known chapter in Jewish history.

On Dec. 1, he resigned his post as executive director of the United Organizations for Histadrut, after 22 years with the fund raising organization. The Polish-born journalist, orator and community worker is now sitting down to write about a postwar colonization experiment in lower Silesia.

"This area was returned to Poland after World War II," Egit told The Canadian Jewish News. "As part of Germany, it had been spared the destruction of war. Many homes, stores and buildings were left intact. About 3,000 young Jews were already in the area, liberated from the concentration camps.

"This gave Poland's central committee of Jews — an organization like the Canadian Jewish Congress here — the idea of settling all the returning Polish Jews there — about 200,000 of them.

"Their former homes were either destroyed or taken over," said Egit, who headed the leadership of the settlement committee. He himself had returned to Poland as a soldier in the liberating Red army.

"At its peak, the Silesia community had 100,000 Jews, synagogues, Yiddish and Hebrew schools, theatres, a Jewish cultural centre and two newspapers. But by 1950 its inhabitants had left, pushed out of Silesia and out of Poland altogether, by anti-semitism," said Egit. "Many fascinating things happened there. The world should know."

Said Egit: "The government was carrying out systematic anti-semitic practices and using the Jews as scapegoats for its own economic and social failures. Like most others, I lost hope of rebuilding Jewish life in Poland, and emigrated, in 1957. At that time there were 50,000 Jews in the country; now there are about 5,000."

Egit came to Canada, where his wife Clara had two sisters and her mother. From the start, his was identified as the voice of the survivors. Whether at meetings of Canadian Jewish Congress or over the airwaves of the late Sam Yuchtman's radio program, Egit used his fiery words to spark unequivocal community responses to threats of anti-semitism.

Jacob Egit

"About 15 or 16 years ago, there was a big resurgence of neo-Nazism in Canada," he recalled. "In Toronto, John Beattie and David Stanley were setting up well-publicized headquarters and displaying the swastika on the streets. But neither the government nor the Jewish establishment took any concrete steps, saying that Canada was a free country where freedom of speech and assembly could not be curtailed. A big neo-Nazi rally was being planned and no one was doing anything about it," said Egit. "The survivors were furious."

With Egit's help, a counter-rally was organized. On the morning of May 31, 1965, more than 5,000 survivors gathered at Allen Gardens and overwhelmed Beattie's rally. "Since that time, no strong neo-Nazi movement has shown itself in Toronto," said Egit.

He added that Jewish historians of the future will "criticize the policy of non-intervention adopted by the Jewish establishment at that time."

In 1967, an impending visit to Canada by West Germany's neo-Nazi political leader, Adolph von Thadden, was aborted after a series of protests and demonstrations. These were organized by the leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The late Judy LaMarsh, then secretary of state, had von Thadden's entry permit revoked after witnessing one particularly large demonstration.

Other countries, like England, followed suit and barred him entry.

"When the CBC broadcast an interview with him from Germany, 3,000 Jewish survivors stood in silent protest in front of the CBC studios," said Egit.

Egit cites the Canadian government's apparent lack of interest in prosecuting war criminals here as a subject for "more concerted and demonstrative community action."

Bringing war criminals to justice, he says, is not a matter of vengeance or of rectifying horrors of the past. "It is an issue for today and tomorrow. Would-be murderers who are dreaming of a new Holocaust must know they will not remain unpunished.

"The fact that war criminals are not prosecuted gives them, and other anti-semites and fascists, encouragement. The recent outbreaks in France and elsewhere are a danger signal of immense proportions," he said.

In his work with Histadrut, Egit was instrumental in getting individuals and organizations to help build more than 70 projects in Israel: clinics, trade schools, medical centres, cultural, community and youth centres and synagogues. He led 20 Histadrut delegations to Israel.

Egit plans to continue his voluntary work as Canadian director of the Massuah Institute, Israel's internationally known Holocaust education centre for youth. A Histadrut affiliate, the Clara and Jacob Egit Foundation, which publishes books dealing with Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, will also continue to receive his attention.

For years, Egit has been an active member of: the Labor Zionist Movement Council; the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Toronto Jewish Congress, the executive of the CJC's Ontario Region, the Yiddish Cultural Council, the CJC's anti-Nazi committee and other organizations. He plans to continue working with them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto 1981 Campaign Appointments

DR. MILTON TEITEL DR. SCARLAT ALBRIGHT DR. DENNIS BADER

Jimmy Kay, Chairman of the 1981 UJA Campaign, is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr. Milton Teitel, Dr. Scarlat Albright and Dr. Dennis Bader as co-chairmen of the Optometrists Division.

Oshawa community gets a brief history of the Eternal City

OSHAWA —

Representatives from various religious and service groups recently attended a public affairs seminar on Jerusalem — the Eternal City, sponsored by the Piyah Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO in the Beth Zion Congregation.

Michael Chernack, communications director of the Canada-Israel Committee was guest speaker and gave a brief history of Jerusalem, after a screening of the movie, "A People Like Any Other."

Chernack told the audience of approximately 100 that King David established Jerusalem as the capital of his kingdom 3,000 years ago, and it has always been central to Judaism and to the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora. He added that, to Christians and Moslems, Jerusalem is a place where "important events happened long ago," and to them it is an object of pilgrimage.

He discussed the United Nations General Assembly's recommendation on the partition of Palestine in 1947 and the internationalization of Jerusalem, explaining that no Arab accepted the plan. Jordan, through force of arms, annexed the West Bank and seized Jerusalem in 1948.

Chernack said that under Jordanian rule, all Jewish residents were expelled from the Old City. Jews and Moslems from Israel were barred from the holy places. Christians who were from Israel were permitted access to their holy places only on Christmas and Easter and synagogues, cemeteries and other sacred places were desecrated or destroyed. The Christian population decreased during this time as Christian institutions were prohibited from expanding and were required to teach the Koran as well as the Bible, he said.

Israel gained possession of East Jerusalem in 1967, after Jordan attacked Israel and Israel counterattacked, Chernack said. Freedom of religious worship and access to the holy places is guaranteed under the laws of the State of Israel. Arabs have their own newspapers and cultural groups and synagogues and churches have been restored and rebuilt, he continued.

Israel wants Jerusalem to remain a unified city under Israeli control with freedom to all religions, and Arabs want a divided city and control over the holy places, Chernack said. An alternative is a borough system, where each borough would have its own president and council to decide local matters, with one mayor for the city, he added.

Chernack stressed that Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem has not violated religious or human rights.

Joan Segal, president of the chapter, said the topic was chosen because Arab propaganda "is plentiful" and she "wants people to understand how the Jews feel about Jerusalem."

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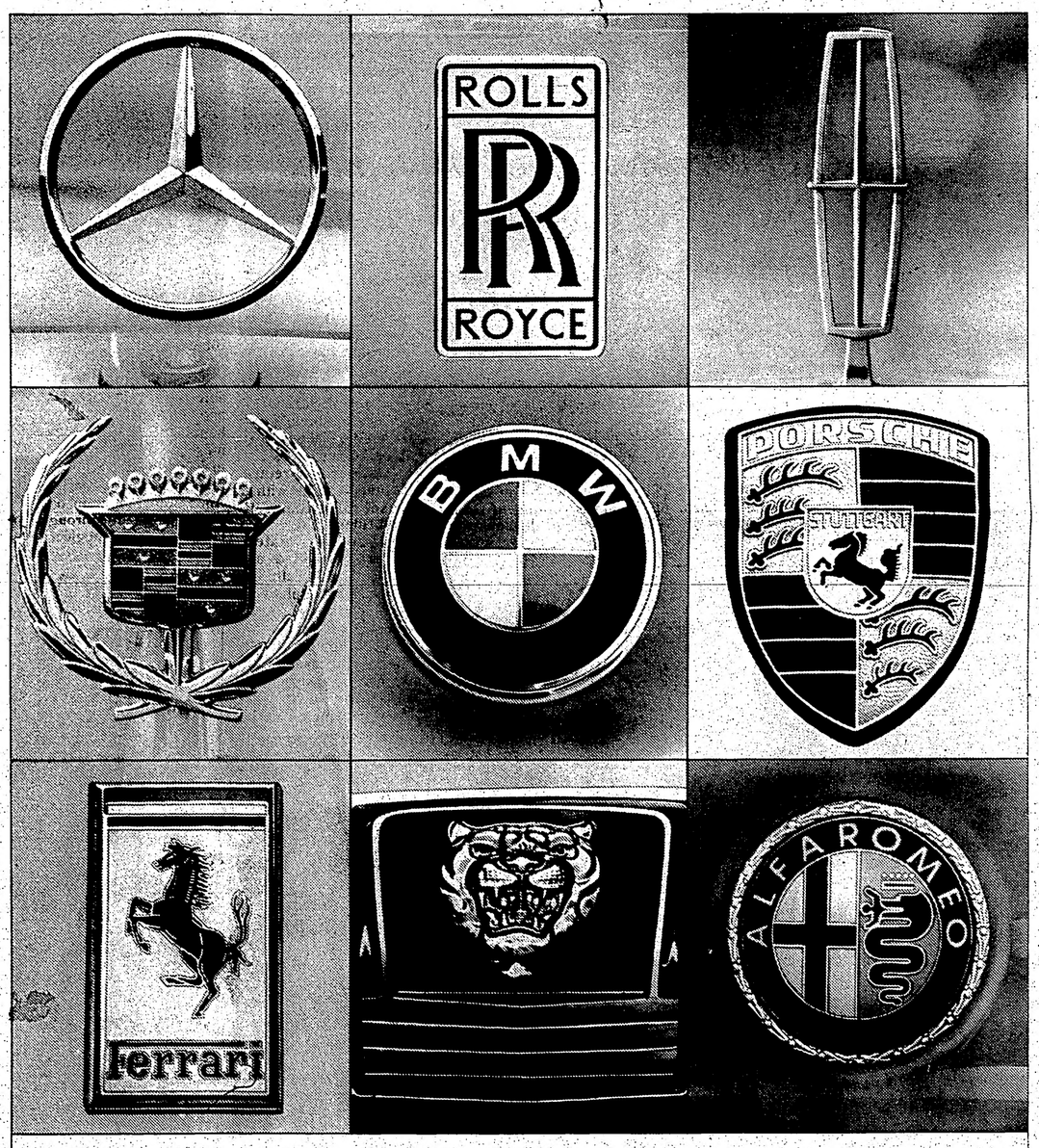

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CHAT MACCABIAH

Students of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto took part in the school's first Maccabiah recently. In addition to a symbolic torch-lighting, events included sports competitions, songfest and art displays.

Penny Offman chairs UJA group

TORONTO —

Penny Offman, a former Womens Division chairman, has been appointed chairman of a new United Jewish Appeal committee which will concentrate on canvassing members of the boards of the various agencies funded by UJA, including Toronto Jewish Congress.

"I have asked each agency to appoint a UJA representative," said veteran campaigner Offman, "and all together they will comprise my committee."

The committee, she explains, has been set up "to arouse the awareness of the board members about the campaign. We know there will be some overlapping . . . that some people are on several boards and many others are already involved in UJA, but we have to get to those who are not involved. What is so necessary is that the people who sit on agency boards and the TJC should be an integral part of the campaign — they can tell the story so much better than anyone else."

Chairman of the Womens Division for the 1978 UJA campaign, Penny Offman has been involved in UJA for about 16 years. She recalls having been invited to join a Young Leadership Division education program, which was then run by the Womens' Division. This evolved into a Young Womens Division and the rest, as they say, is history.

"The Young Leadership program is the strength of the organization," she believes. "The last four or five chairmen came from there as did many of the young men who are now active in the campaign.

"I see teamwork as being one of the best features of Womens Division," she says. "My two vice-chairmen were phenomenal. And the strong friendships that develop from working together on a campaign make it even more memorable."

Penny Offman

It is this sense of teamwork that Offman hopes to develop among the various agencies.

"Despite the overlap, many people are involved in just one agency, directing all their energies and interest towards it," she says. "I hope to accomplish a feeling among them of being part of a greater unit. The city is growing and fragmenting; it's hard to keep track of everyone. We have to work together.

"Members of agency boards should be the first to support the UJA campaign, not only by making their own exemplary gifts, but also by helping the campaign overall."

Although there has always been an effort made to get the agencies involved, this has generally been left to the end of the campaign as sort of an "overall cleanup." Now, the agencies are being involved from the beginning, to set an example for the rest of the community, she said.

Although she's U.S.-born, Penny's Canadian roots go back a far distance. Her late grandmother was one of the founders of Toronto's Jewish Family & Child Service. (Offman was unaware of this until she saw a founders' plaque in the JF&CS building.) Grandma was also the first woman to drive an electric car in Toronto, her descendant reveals proudly.

Penny has gone on two UJA missions to Israel, one with the Womens Division and the other with the men. Each was, in its own way, "unforgettable. Both groups went to the same places and operated at the same pace, but the different perceptions and impressions were amazing. I now look forward to going with my husband and children."

Calling herself "independent but not liberated," Penny Offman is devoted to her husband and daughters, Cathy, 16, Amy, 12 and Carolyn, 10. Her home is a reflection of her own good taste and the standards of the family business (The Art Shoppe). But she laughs that it's still unfinished . . . probably because the family's lived there "only" 14 years ("I'm a procrastinator," she confesses).

She thinks that living at street address No. 13 is a joke — the Offmans aren't superstitious . . . but why isn't here a number on the front door?

As she prepares to do her pre-Shabbes baking, Penny Offman is also thinking about her new UJA responsibility. The member agencies have been requested to keep their own activities at a minimum from mid-January to mid-February so UJA can take precedence.

She also drops a hint about "Super Sunday," April 12, "during which big UJA things will be happening."

Handelman family is involved with the United Jewish Appeal

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Togetherness, family unity, disunity, breaking away, communication gap . . . all these and more have become catchwords for current lifestyles and problems. Some families, however, avoid pitfalls by finding something in common to which all can contribute and through which they can all achieve personal satisfaction.

Such a family is that of Max and Ann Handelman and their sons Stephen and Marty. Their point of unity? Charity — specifically, the United Jewish Appeal.

This year, Max is chairman of the UJA's Business and Professions Division; Ann is vice-chairman of Special Gifts for the Women's Division and was technical advisor for UJA Day; older son, Marty, has undertaken to handle some pledge cards and Stephen, a grade 13 student at Forest Hill Collegiate, is organizing a campaign at his school.

Max's involvement started 22 years ago when he served as a canvasser for the furniture division (he's president of Standard Upholstery). After working his way up to the chairmanship of that division and staying there for a time, he decided to leave the campaign for a while to rejuvenate himself.

"The real turning point for me happened a few years ago," Max recalls, "when I met Jimmy Kay (current campaign chairman) and Wilfred Posluns (president of Toronto Jewish Congress). I learned from them that one can be very successful in business and still have time for a strong family life and an active commitment to the community.

"I'm involved with other organizations, too, namely Jewish National Fund, Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute, but last year decided to come back to UJA. At this time in my life, it rates as my No. 1 community priority. It's my good fortune to have the time and wherewithal to give to UJA and I see it as a lifetime job for me."

Ann got involved through her husband. Wishing "not to be left out," she joined him and found that she gets as much as she gives. She developed her organizational talents and has become a technical advisor for the functions of various groups.

Ann Handelman

Max Handelman

The Handelmans have also found that many of their personal friendships have come from their charity interests. "These ties bring you closer together," they explained. "For example, this summer while playing golf, many of my conversations centred around UJA and this campaign."

Their sons showed community responsibility as early as their bar mitzvah years. Both boys donated their gifts to charity. Stephen admits to having obtained inspiration from his parents.

"When I see the good work that my family does and when I realize the great need for the money, I also realize that when my parents and the others retire, someone will have to take over," he says.

Max is very excited about this year's campaign, predicting that it will be "the most successful in a long time."

He agrees that, unfortunately, it takes crises to bring out the best in people. He recalled with awe the day, soon after the Yom Kippur War, that he picked up a check for $250,000 from a donor and brought it to the UJA office. While the amount surprised him, what was most astounding was the fact that "the man borrowed this money as a personal loan to send to Israel."

It is this dedication within the Jewish community that is most important to Handelman. "I never really felt Jewish until I was 18. I started going to the Jewish Centre and saw what it was like to be a part of a community — a Jew among other Jews.

"I grew up in the Danforth area, where my only Jewish contacts were those I made in Hebrew school, which was a good distance away. I like being Jewish; I wasn't Jewish for a long time. One of my greatest pleasures is seeing kids wearing yarmulkes and being proud of their Jewishness."

Both Ann and Max have gone on UJA missions to Israel and concur with other participants that it is a "strong selling point" in getting people involved. As a bonus, the camaraderie developed on these trips lasts long after the return home.

Ann agrees with Max's predictions for the current campaign but adds that she'd "like to see more women come out to the functions. There has been a very large increase in donations for UJA Day and our telethons, but I hope more women would donate on their own.

"I must say, also, that the organizations of the UJA Women's Division is fabulous; there's always someone trained to take over when someone leaves or moves up. It's a credit to the women of our community."

Max interjects with the opinion that children should also give charity on their own. They should learn that it is their responsibility to give what they can afford and to keep increasing as their incomes increase. I don't agree with parents who include their children's donations with their own — especially when the children are grown."

He is delighted with Stephen's success to date at the high school, both in getting donations and in getting other students to work with him. It's hard to trailblaze, but he's persevering.

The Handelmans see themselves as organizers rather than as canvassers. Max kids Ann about emerging as a "professional dinner doer" and both laugh about a neighbor's mistaken expectation that a recent "purely social" brunch at their home was for charity.

Co-chairmen with Sid Chelsky of the recent "Great UJA Buddy-Up Day," Handelman sees no reason why people who can take a day off from work for golf or skiing or other private pursuits, can't do the same for UJA. So assured was he of the success of the idea, that he had no hesitation in asking Ann to hold a l'chaim celebration at their home with all the buddies.

Married 23 years, the Handelmans celebrated their 20th anniversary in a unique way — they became one of only 100 other family "Rebuilders of Jerusalem," donors of a major gift to a park area outside the Jaffa Gate.

"We don't only tell other people to give, we give ourselves," Max concludes what had been a near-monologue at breakneck speed. One gets the impression that he has so much to say, he has to rush it through or he won't have time to tell it all.

That his family agrees with him is obvious, as they permit him to complete their sentences, tolerate his expressing their thoughts and gaze at each other with undisguised love and true togetherness.

FROM SIMPSONS

Charles MacRae [centre], of Simpsons, was one of 75 Canadian importers of Israeli products, who were recently honored by the Israel Trade Commission. Yeshayahu Anug [left], Israel's ambassador to Canada, and Baruch Barak, commission head, offer congratulations. In last week's issue, we incorrectly identified MacRae as representing Eaton's.

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Helping break ground for the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living are, from left: Aaron Brotman, Joseph and Esther Betel and Mel Lastman.

New Centre for Creative Living

Sod turned at construction site

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Standing under dripping umbrellas, a large crowd of senior citizens applauded on a rainy Sunday morning as ground was broken for the new Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living on Steeles Ave. at Carpenter Rd., one block west of Bathurst.

Construction of the centre will begin immediately and it should be ready a year from now, Dr. Brian Hands, chairman of the building committee, told The Canadian Jewish News, just after the first sod was turned.

Prior to the sod turning, an overflow crowd of 250 people listened to messages of congratulations from municipal and provincial dignitaries in the recreation room of the West Don apartment building for senior citizens, which is alongside the site.

The new centre is named after the son of Joseph and Esther Betel who donated $250,000 and another $150,000 for furnishings toward the project. In acknowledging their generosity, Aaron Brotman, centre president, described their late son as "cultured, people centred, soft-spoken and interested in Jewish traditions. That also describes the aims of our new centre."

The new building, a one-storey structure with 17,000 square feet, is to cost about $1,300,000. A little more than $1,000,000 has already been donated.

Describing the centre as the biggest Jewish agency of its kind in North America, Stephen Berger, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto, said it is a source of pride to both Jewish and non-Jewish citizens in Metro Toronto.

Berger said he recalled its founding by the National Council of Jewish Women and had watched its growth under "brilliant leadership . . . You have grown up and it is time for you to be independent," he said. He also brought greetings from Toronto Jewish Congress.

"To grow old is one of the great chapters in living," Berger said. "It is folly to think of old age as a time of winter. The wise see it as a time of summer, fulfilment and harmony."

David Rotenberg, MPP for Wilson Heights, said Wintario had supplied more than $300,000, or 30% of the capital cost. He also presented a check for $15,000 to the centre as a contribution under provincial Elderly Persons Centre Act from Keith Norton, minister of social services. Rotenberg also brought greetings from Premier William Davis.

The $15,000 check was described as "a most unexpected surprise," by Dr. Hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Betel were given a standing ovation when Mr. Betel announced they had become new members of the centre. He gave another donation of an undisclosed sum in recognition of their membership. Roses were presented to Mrs. Betel.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman said the centre is a home away from home for 1,500 people and said North York was proud to support it with a $230,000 contribution from the city.

Dr. Hands said Bruce McCaffrey, MPP for Armourdale and Barbara Greene, past North York controller, "have been most supportive of the project."

The building is being erected on land donated by Metro Toronto Housing Company.

Murray Brodsky, a regional representative, brought good wishes from Reuben Bates, Ontario minister of culture and recreation, who administers Wintario.

The invocation was delivered by Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation.

Other speakers were Gloria Strom, first president of the centre; Frank Russell, assistant general manager of Metro Toronto Housing Company, and Belle Orson, president of the members' council.

Small city teachers ask for resources

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Teachers in Jewish communities in small cities are asking for a library-resource centre, and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region is promising to study the feasibility of such a centre.

Mel Katz, chairman of CJC's educational and cultural committee, told the executive of CJC Ontario Region at a recent meeting that Jewish educators outside of Toronto need a centre that will be open both evenings and weekends.

Katz, who is from Guelph, said that "the Toronto Board of Jewish Education just doesn't have the resources to accommodate Jewish educators outside of Toronto as well as those within Metro boundaries."

And while CJC has considerable material, it is not accessible to those from out of town when they need it, he said.

Katz expressed strong concern that principals and teachers outside of Toronto get the professional development they require, and he recommended an educational outreach program.

He praised Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz's visits to the schools and the helpful evaluations and recommendations Lipsitz provides, but said this is not enough to keep the Jewish educational systems in small communities alive and well. Lipsitz is director of education for CJC Ontario Region.

Katz said that at least 10 Jewish schools have disappeared in places like Welland, Timmins, Cornwall and Kirkland Lake where Jewish populations have shrunk and no Jewish constituency remains to be served.

But in other cities such as Guelph, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, where there are viable communities of Jews, a key factor in sustaining the health of the community's religion and culture will come from the kind of educational system it provides, he said.

He pointed out problems with curriculum. "If we keep a rabbi and teachers for more than two or three years, that's a long time," he says. "Every time someone quits and someone new comes in," he told The CJN, "we have a new curriculum."

But if lack of continuity of curriculum is a problem, so is the very relevance of the curriculum itself. "We're using published curricula from the United Synagogue and even CJC, which are really outdated," he said.

Not only that, he added, but the material doesn't always reflect the religious perspective of the communities it serves. Katz described his own Guelph community as primarily "Conservadox."

An all-day conference on education is planned for May 3 in London, Ont., for educators and lay people from across Ontario. The immediate problem, Katz said, is to get a grant to fund the workshops the conference wants to set up.

Katz said the problem of parent education will be addressed at the conference. "Quite often the children know more than the parents," he said, "and many parents are hungry for an adult education program."

Among the many ideas for professional development Katz recommended is a council of principals from the Ontario Region which would meet regularly.

Pioneer Women's Club One celebrates 55th anniversary

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO —

A luncheon celebration in honor of Pioneer Women's 55th anniversary and to pay tribute to the original members of Club One was held recently at the Beth Radom Synagogue. The gathering served to commemorate the "continuation of the founding members as a motivating force in the organization's daily activities."

A letter sent to Toronto from Israel in 1925 requesting financial aid for a water well under excavation was the impetus for the formation of Pioneer Women. Upon receipt of that letter 55 years ago, a nucleus of seven women belonging to the Labor Zionist movement formed a group dedicated to raising funds.

"For women like this, every year counts," stated Esther Steinhouse, past president of council and member of Pioneer Women's national board. "They have provided the incentive all these years for the younger clubs. Whatever project there is, they're the first to begin. They're the first to bring in the money and the first to finish off."

Steinhouse, whose mother was one of Pioneer Women's founding members, recalled for The CJN "Golda Meir coming to Toronto and speaking to our small group. The group grew and worked very hard. I feel that my mother left me an inheritance . . . a way of life through dedication."

Mina Eisen and Frieda Harrison, both original Club One members, have belonged to Pioneer Women for nearly 50 years, and declare with unabashed pride how hard they worked in those early years.

"I really think," said Eisen, "that Club One was the beginning of women's liberation. Our husbands were negative about the group's formation. They tried to discourage us. In the end though, we were successful."

Frieda Harrison, co-president along with Esther Cohen, stated that "in my time we worked harder going from door to door. The younger clubs have taken our old ideas and made them better."

"Pioneer Women is my life and I am proud of the organization," said Eisen. "I became a better person, more patient, more understanding. I feel that I am somebody."

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Jewish students' president says campus is quieter this year at McMaster

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

"The university is quieter this year," says Geoff Meiteen, president of the McMaster Jewish Student Association-Hillel. "One of the first things people ask me when we meet is, 'Oh, yeah, done any protests lately? What about anti-semitism?' But we try to keep away from politics now."

Meiteen, a 20-year-old Torontonian in his second year of a combined biology-psychology program, was disturbed by last year's militant atmosphere on campus and prefers quiet diplomacy.

Last year, there were some anti-semitic incidents on campus and in some of the student residences. The MJSA-H ("we've put Hillel back into it this year.") engaged in a series of effective protests against such practices.

This year, quiet diplomacy has taken over. A Hamilton-based religious group, which at the start of every school year sets up a table with literature aimed at attracting Jewish students to the Jews for Jesus movement, was calmly "booted out" with some behind-the-scenes negotiation.

Meiteen hopes the new atmosphere attracts more students to the MJSA-H. "We're making a real effort to get out first- and second-year students." (There are about 300 Jewish students at McMaster).

Though he frankly admits that his own parochial school education once "turned him off Jews and religion," he feels strongly about the need for a Jewish club on campus. He believes that last year's MJSA leadership was "too religious and Zionistic" for most students and, although the group sponsors such programs as a recent talk by Dr. Dov Friedlander of the Hebrew University, the important thing, he feels, is to have a drop-in centre for students who would otherwise forget their Jewish identity.

The club is in a basement room of the Commons Building, decorated with Israel posters and a bulletin board and shelves containing an abundance of assorted Jewish literature. Students gather there for regular Thursday kosher deli lunches or just coffee and a friendly chat. The orientation may be social, but the aim is to keep Jewish students Jewish, Meiteen emphasizes.

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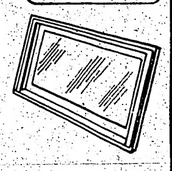

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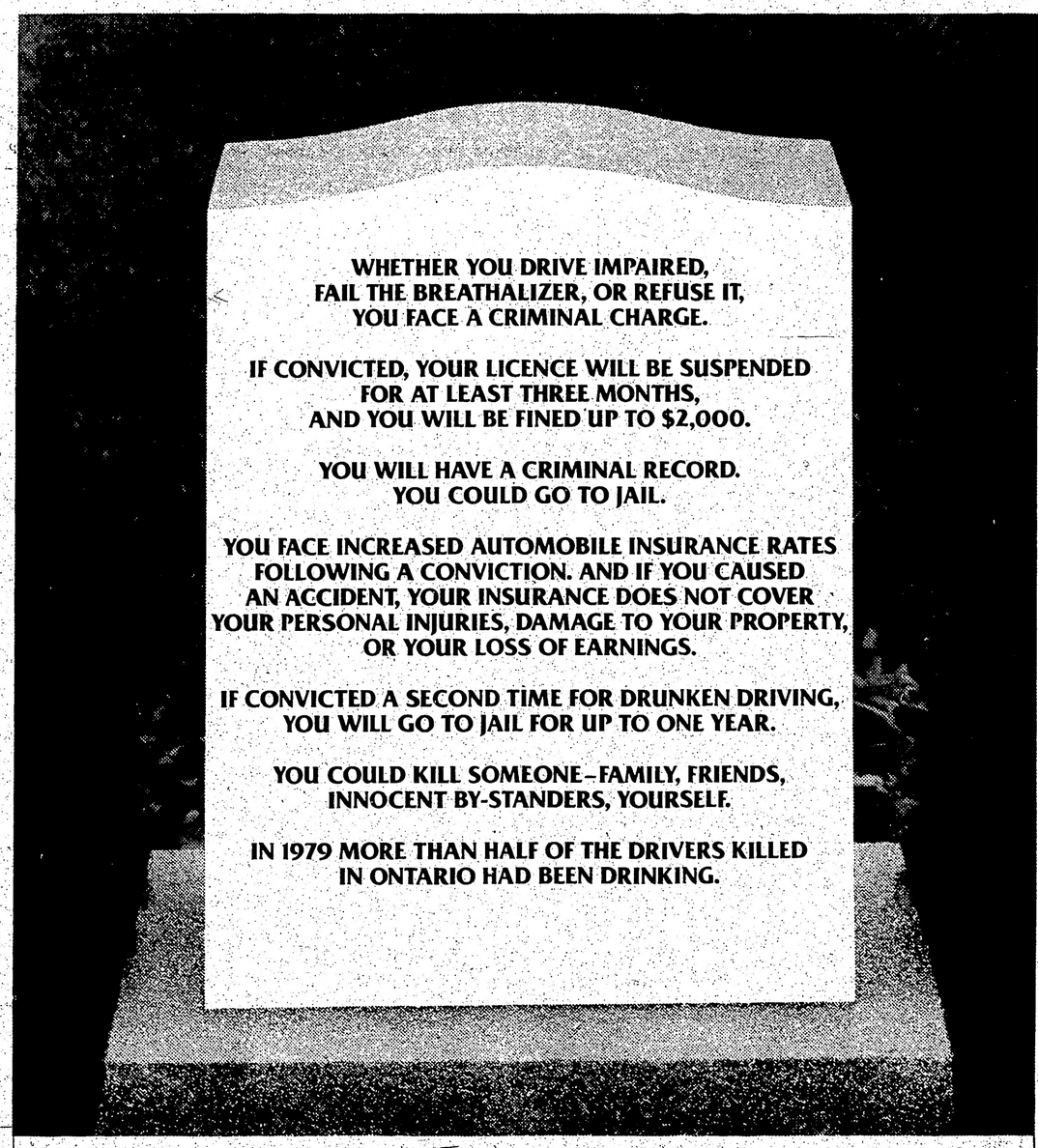
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Arts

The 67th Minute, an oil by Shlomo Schwartz

Cartographer maps out career and becomes full-time artist

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —
If you look closely at many of Israeli artist Shlomo Schwartz's geometric-like scenes of musicians, you may discover that there are other images under the final picture, which add a shadow-like quality to the paintings.

Schwartz, 47, whose work will be on display at the Zohar Gallery until Dec. 19 (phone 483-7322 for an appointment) said "not always what is shown outside is what is there inside." He said that unlike some artists, "I usually put a lot of work into my art and the small paintings can take so long," especially if he re-covers the picture six or seven times.

The artist said that "one of my favorite subjects is music and dancing," and many of the characters he paints, such as klezmerim, have theatrical, exaggerated expressions.

Schwartz's technique has changed over the years, with his more recent paintings on a lighter background, and a brush technique giving the final product a mosaic-like appearance. His older paintings, specifically figures of people, are more stark and painted on a darker background.

A brochure from the Ramat - Gan Municipal Museum (March 1975) states: "Various figures people the paintings of Shlomo Schwartz, forever changing their form and aspect. They are rich in expressive features and varied, but one can point to a common denominator that unites them all — a grotesque element."

This element is not at all present in the scene of a courtyard in Jerusalem, where the vibrancy and lightness of the orange and pink blend to create an idyllic setting.

Schwartz, once a member of Habimah, the national theatre of Israel, works in different media, including oils, watercolors, mixed media and black and white drawings.

A cartographer with the Israeli army for 19 years, but now a full-time artist, Schwartz spends a couple of months a year in Toronto and also spends two to three months in Europe (he will have an exhibition in Paris in the early part of 1981) and will then return to his studio in Tel Aviv for a spring exhibition.

He exhibited in the past in Toronto and said he has noticed in North America there is "a movement from cheap prints and cheap decorations . . . (and) a big start to collecting and enjoying art."

Schwartz said his teachers in Israel were influenced by French artists, and "this is an influence on me too."

He received his first art lessons in a Cyprus detention camp in 1947 from sculptor Ben-Zwi, who was sent from Israel. When he went to Israel in 1948 as a teenager (he was born in Romania), he studied with artists such as Aharon Avni, and Marcel Janko.

In 1955, he co-founded the Group of Young Artists.

He said that Israel today is a good place for artists, but there are practical problems, such as little space to work and the high price of acrylic paints.

To see the paintings after Dec. 19, call Schwartz at 653-9586.

Award winning graphics used in promotions

TORONTO —
Six award-winning silk-screen graphics by Jack Kuper were recently on display at the Gallery Soho.

The graphics were created by Kuper in the early 1960s, when he worked at CBC, and were promotional items for particular plays such as The Dybbuk, Pictures in the Hallway (about Sean O'Casey), Elektra, Home of the Brave, Run and The Police.

Run was an experimental short Kuper made, which represented Canada in international film festivals. It is an allegory about a man in modern society destroying himself and the graphic depicts the figure of an unrecognizable man placed on a black background.

The Dybbuk graphic presents an eerie representation of a woman lying on a candelabra, while the drawing of Sean O'Casey depicts the author in a gentle manner.

The six serigraphs in the portfolio are signed and numbered by the artist in an edition of 200.

Depending on the reaction of his first exhibit, Kuper said he is considering another show of a series of nine graphics about Babi Yar, which he created during the 13 years he worked at CBC.

Kuper, who is the author of "Child of the Holocaust," said that simply drawing one picture is "limiting in terms of what it can express. Film, writing and stage have a larger scope."

His U.S. publisher told him that he considers Child of the Holocaust, a best selling book about his youth as a fugitive in war-torn Europe, a classic and thinks it will never go out of print.

He is currently working on a sequel to the book, relating his arrival in Canada (at age 15) and some of the first impressions of the country.

Kuper has completed a screenplay for the first book and spoke about a co-production deal with Yugoslavia, where the movie will be filmed.

He now produces television commercials at Kuper Productions Ltd.

—A.P.

Classics and cabaret are combined in Ruth Morawetz's weekly show

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —
The true Renaissance man — or woman — pursues diverse interests.

Such a person has become increasingly rare in today's categorized, specialized society. But she has, fortunately, still managed to survive. Such a person is Ruth Morawetz (wife of Canada's premier composer, Oskar Morawetz), whose Classical Cabaret, every Sunday afternoon at the Pauline McGibbon Centre, preserves the true Renaissance spirit of naturally integrating classical with cabaret-theatre music by utilizing Toronto's rich collection of performers in both milieux.

Very few people can preserve so authentically this spirit as Ruth Morawetz. As a highly gifted painist, her experience in both classical and cabaret fields is unsurpassed. She performed the world premiere of Ephraim Zimbalist Jr.'s Violin and Piano Sonata with Phi'ip Frank (one of the original NBC Orchestra members under Toscanini). But she has innumerable other classical-music credentials — including holding, for the past five summers, the post of senior accompanist at the Banff School of Fine Arts music theatre division.

In the purely cabaret field, Ruth Morawetz has played for shows with Robert Goulet and Tom Kneebone and has performed at top spots such as the Westbury Hotel's Sky Lounge. Now, she is blending both sides of her

Ruth Morawetz

musical personality into the highly innovative Classical Cabaret format, which will be a true pace-setter here and elsewhere.

So far, 60 singers from both opera and local cabaret theatre revues have performed at Classical Cabaret. Sometimes the programs, which always feature two women and one man, consist of excerpts from a single opera or show. Once, trios from the opera "Masque Ball" were performed for an entire program.

In other programs, the widest contrast — beginning with opera and ending with jazz blues — has been included.

Performers have included all of the major opera singers and cabaret performers in town — from opera singers Lois Marshall and Frances Ginzer to cabaret chanteuses Judy Marshak and Beth Anne Cole to night-club singer-dancer Rudi Webb. All cherish the salon-feeling in the Pauline McGibbon Centre room, whose acoustics are excellent.

The singers and their selections are introduced by Ruth Morawetz, who provides not only the continuity but also the accompaniment and is the overall guiding spirit of Classical Cabaret.

It's a special treat to have a children-oriented Jewish folksinger perform good original material. And that's what Montrealer Fran Avni did at the downtown JCC Chanukah Festival.

Her songs, from her album Latkes and Hamantaschen, were charming yet sincerely authentic, and her performance was pleasant, even a bit elegant (to her credit) and most important of all, not condescending.

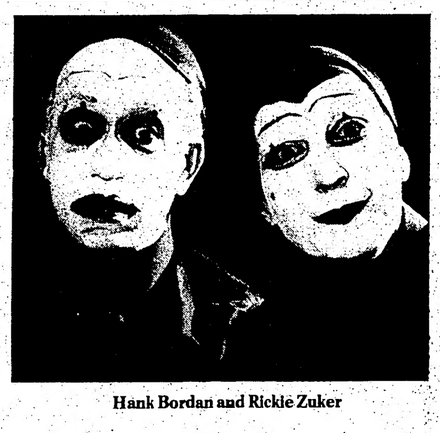
The new material featured the leader-response "Walking to Jerusalem," which opened her set and by the time she closed with it, the audience of both children, parents and grandparents sang along.

Her "Chanukah Latkes" song was charming and created appropriate smiles. And, her Maccabee song, simple as it was, conveyed the true Maccabee spirit both lyrically and through the basic Yemenite-style rhythm and melody.

Interspersed with the original songs were, of course, the familiar Chanukah standards and both new and old familiar versions of Hiney Ma Tov.

Above all, Fran Avni's performance conveyed Jewish pride through a straightforward, warm, sincere approach. Her image of stately elegance was perfectly natural. And by not talking down to the children, she gained their instant attention.

I hope that Fran Avni will frequently appear in Toronto in the near future. The Board of Jewish Education could well benefit by sponsoring appearances by her for the local schools.



Hank Bordan and Rickie Zuker

New Noshery show

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
One sign of the maturing theatre community in Toronto is the arrival of the intimate cabaret, a two or three performer show, on a small stage.

Perhaps the popular dinner package theatres have spawned these less ambitious shows. The genre is a well respected one with Off-Broadway and Off-Off-Broadway in New York in its considerable debt.

"Simply Two," at the Noshery Pinehouse, 488 Eglinton Ave. W., is a good attempt at intimate cabaret but fails to explore any ground not already tilled at the Dell, Angelo's or Second City with their larger casts.

Rickie Zuker, a singer and actress, and Hank Bordan, a rewrite man on the Toronto Star, are the writers and performers of Simply Two, with Nancy Anderson as the accompanist and musical arranger.

Their songs and skits cover the familiar ground of the other woman, the hard-pressed middle class, and the male patient's reluctance to be examined by a female physician. There is a bit more bite to their songs. However, their opening song, "Critical Love," shows a promise not fulfilled by the rest of the program.

Poking fun at Jewish stereotypes ("When is Sammy Coming Home?") for the benefit of a mostly non-Jewish audience, is old hat by now and the skits in which this is done devalue the artistic merits of the production.

The show runs Sunday and Monday evenings only until the end of December.

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Authors providing two different looks at the Holocaust

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Final Journey: The Fate of the Jews in Nazi Europe
By Martin Gilbert
Collins
$15.95

Art in the Third Reich
By Berthold Hinz
Random House-Pantheon
$9.95 paperback

Here are two books about related but dissimilar topics. "Final Journey: The Fate of the Jews in Nazi Europe" is a picture-and-word book focusing on the logical culmination of Nazi policy. "Art in the Third Reich" is a handsome coffee-table volume highlighting the madness which gripped Germany for a tragic 12-year period in its history.

Final Journey goes beyond the usual historical accounts of the Holocaust by concentrating exclusively on eyewitness stories and on contemporary evidence, such as was found in newspapers and magazines.

Martin Gilbert, a British historian who specializes in Jewish and Middle Eastern topics, has obviously spent a great deal of time collecting his material. and what material!

Scanning continental Europe, Gilbert produces excerpts from diaries and books written by Jews from Poland to Greece. Their prose is unaffected, direct and graphic — a tale of horror which the human mind can hardly fathom.

On excerpt will suffice:

"Packed into cattle trucks, unable either to crouch or move about, stuck so close to each other that one could hardly breathe, crushed by every movement of the people nearby, it was already Hell. During the day the heat was unbearable, the wagon filled with a nauseating stench.

"After several days and nights the doors were opened. We had arrived at Auschwitz exhausted, dehydrated, sick.

"A newly-born child, torn out of the arms of its young mother, was thrown on to the platform. Its mother, maddened with grief, tried to rush across to be with it. But the SS man stopped her, striking her with a series of extremely violent blows on the head with his rifle butt. Her eyes were wild, her cries terrible, her beautiful hair spattered with blood. She was killed with a bullet in her head."

The litany of suffering extends to many more pages, reminding us of a chapter in degradation and extermination.

The black-and-white photographs complement the text: Viennese Jews forcibly scrubbing streets; SS men cutting the beards of Orthodox Jews; Nazi clerks registering inmates at Dachau.

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Berthold Hinz, a West German art historian, was given permission several years ago to study hundreds of paintings by artists loyal to Hitler's regime.

The paintings are stored in a guarded vault in a Ministry of Finance building and are normally inaccessible to the public. The government in Bonn is not anxious to create a shrine, or to legitimize art which promotes racial hatred and ethnic superiority.

Hinz was permitted to visit the vault because his intentions were honorable, and because he was preparing a series of lectures for his students at the University of Frankfurt. Art in the Third Reich is the result of his investigation into the dark recesses of Nazi painters and draftsmen.

Nazi art enshrined the simple Aryan family circle, landscape, nudes (so as to personify the Aryan body beautiful) and war. Art which failed to buttress the ideological goals of the state was worthless. And artists who had worked in the milieu of the Weimar Republic were almost uniformly banned.

According to Hitler, the Dadists were sensationalists; the Cubists, plasterers; the Futurists, were canvas smearers. Great artists such as Emil Nolde, E. L. Kirchner and Kathe Kollwitz were declared personnae non grata.

Nazi art was given its official debut on July 18, 1937, when the authorities unveiled two contrasting exhibitions. One was a display of "approved" art; the other, an exhibition of "degenerate" modernism. Much to the Nazis' disappointment, the public flocked to the "degenerate."

Hitler drew the correct conclusion: unofficial art was banned, and Germans were force fed on artistic tripe.

Some light reading worth savoring

By MURRAY MALKIN

Side Effects
by Woody Allen
Random House $11.50

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Hamburger Madness
by Jack Ziegler
Academic Press Canada
$7.95

Side Effects by Woody Allen and Hamburger Madness by Jack Ziegler are two light books that do a nice job in helping the reader forget about all the tales of horror that are appearing in the daily newspapers. They are much needed.

Allen's book is a small collection of short stories that are much like a Woody Allen monologue.

There are one-liners after one-liners. And some of them are so good that you may find yourself laughing out loud. That can be embarrassing on a subway or a street car, but in the privacy of your own home it should be okay.

Actually, though, Side Effects isn't the type of book you'd want to read on public transportation. Rather, it's more like a fine dessert to save for the end of a hard day.

Also, the book is just too funny to read in one sitting. Side Effects is a book you want to savor, perhaps reading only a chapter or two a night.

Hamburger Madness is a fine collection of cartoons. Ziegler has a strange but humorous way of looking at modern American life. He makes fun of just about everything, and he does it in a highly entertaining fashion.

Ziegler's book only takes a few minutes to flip through, but it's worth getting because there's good, clean fun in his material.

There's pleasure in poetry collection

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Voices Within the Ark — The Modern Jewish Poets
Edited by H. Schwartz & A. Rudolf Avon, $14.95

"We are festive weepers, etching names on every stone, touched by hope, hostages of governments and history, blown by wind and gathering holy dust."

These words by Yehuda Amichai, the renowned Israeli poet, serve as epigraph to this epic anthology. It has been at my bedside during recent weeks for cursory reading and provided much pleasure.

Indeed, we Jews have been blown to all corners of the globe by the winds of history. But we have never failed in our role as etchers of the word on paper, wood and stone. Always and everywhere we have woven words into dreams, nurtured ancestral hopes, left our imprint on the endless creative scroll.

"Voices Within the Ark," a mammoth compilation of modern poetry written by Jews, is a work of heroic proportions. It includes the poems of 350 20th century writers from 40 countires. The poems in 22 languages have been translated into English — most of them gracefully and well.

The material is divided into four large segments: Hebrew, Yiddish, English and "other languages." The other languages segment includes poems written in French, German, Dutch, Hungarian, Romanian, Polish, Judezmo, Serbo-Croation, Russian, Turkish and Spanish.

The poems within each category cover a multitude of subjects, express a variety of moods and indulge in many forms and styles. Yet it is possible to detect differences among them.

The poems from the Hebrew, for example, exhibit a strong Biblical quality. They reflect a hallowed land, its history and influence, its imperishable beauty. There are layers of meaning and echoes from the past. The American poets, on the other hand, search for roots and meaning. They quiver with uncertainty and ambivalence about their Jewish indentity and primary loyalties.

The Yiddish poems are surprisingly sophisticated in manner and matter. Many of those who made up the influential "Di Yunge" group responded successfully to the call of modernism. Yiddishists like the following appealed to the mind and enkindled the heart: Jacob Glatstein, Chaim Grade, Moishe Leib Halpren, Rachel Korn, Moshe Kulbak, Zishe Landau, Itzik Manger, Malech Ravitch, Abraham Sutskever and Aaron Zeitlin.

The section on Canada includes familiar, as well as newer voices. Leonard Cohen, A. M. Klein and Irving Layton are here, as one might expect. But also lesser known Deborah Eibel, Seymour Mayne and Sharon Nelson.

Poets whose work stand out as stirring and individual in the world of modern poetry are well represented: Yehuda Amichai of Israel, writing in Hebrew; Paul Celan of Romania, writing in German; the Yiddishist Jacob Glatstein; and French poet Edmond Jabes, and the American Charles Reznikoff.

A recurrent number of themes and symbols are used by a variety of writers. The Arkedah, the binding of Isaac, which displayed Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son at God's command, is dealt with by no less than nine poets. Their interpretations involve anthropology, Midrashic sources, modern psychology and the Kaballah.

This volume is a splendid example of bookmaking. The print is large and clear and the pages uncluttered. There is a helpful and knowledgable introduction to each of the four sections and an index of poets and translators. Here is a world of richness to entertain, edify, surprise, motivate and inspire — a book to nurture and treasure.

Book is good introduction to Jewish legal thought

By DAVID BIRKAN

Jewish Jurisprudence: Its Sources and Modern Applications
by Emanuel Quint and Nell Hecht
Harwood Academic Publishers $12.50

Jewish Jurisprudence is the first volume in a proposed series explaining the rationale, derivations and applications of the Jewish legal principles of halacha.

As the authors very clearly point out, it is not a comprehensive study, historical analysis or critique of Jewish law but rather a presentation within its traditional framework.

This first volume, a relatively small 260-page soft cover book, presents material from the Talmud, compendia, codes, responsa, and other source material, on traditional Jewish courts and their functions.

Discussed, are: the composition and functions of the Great Sanhedrin, the Lesser Sanhedrin and the Beth Din and the workings of their successors. Principles are presented as they were drawn from or applied to numerous cases.

Relevant opinions are brought to bear on individual cases from a range of authorities. Sections conclude with summaries of the principles discussed, which are also presented in their original Hebrew. These summaries of legal principles are repeated in a list in English and Hebrew, at the back of the book.

The book, obvioulsy not light reading matter, is a good introduction to Jewish legal thought, about which much has been said in ignorance. It is of direct interest to members of the legal profession as a comparison between traditional Jewish principles and those of Canadian civil jurisprudence.

The examples used provide an invaluable insight into Jewish life and thought in Talmudic times. It is, above all, a reminder of the formidable scholarship at Judaism's disposal, the measures extrapolated from the Torah to optimize the relationship between man and man.

Canada Council holding book festival

OTTAWA —

The Canada Council has announced that the third annual national book festival will take place May 11-17. The festival is a program designed to broaden the public base of support for Canadian book and magazine publishing.

The festival is co-ordinated through regional committees — Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies/NWT, B.C./Yukon to ensure maximum public participation in its activities. Each committee approves projects which, according to the Canada Council, it feels "will most accurately reflect the needs of its region. Each region will have a full-time co-ordinator to work with bookstores, libraries, schools and community groups."

Says a release from the Canada Council: "The festival's purpose is to celebrate the quality and diversity of Canadian book and magazine writing and publishing and to bring the reading public and Canadian books and magazines closer together."

Last year the festival funded a total of 203 projects which took place in every province as well as Labrador and the North-west Territories. More than 6,000 schools, stores and libraries participated.

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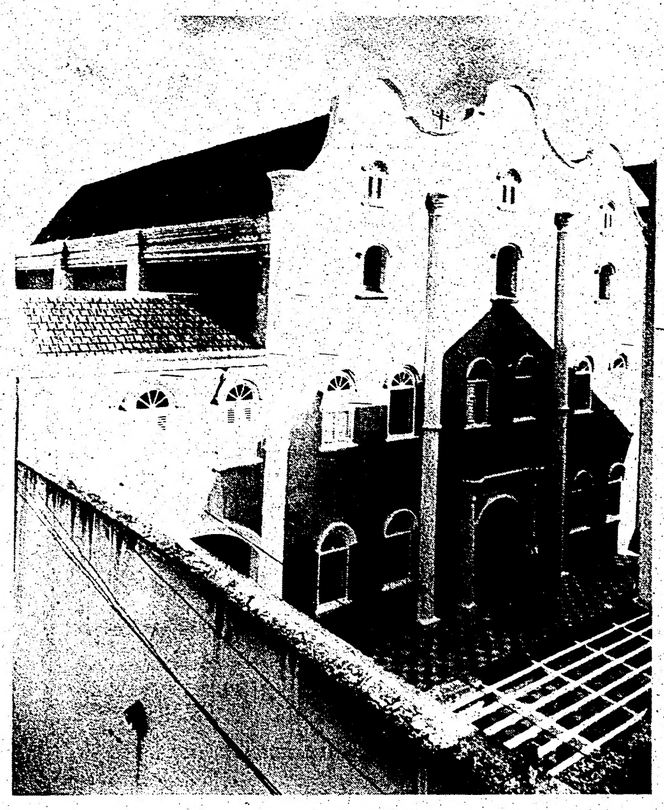

Curacao's Mikve Israel is the oldest synagogue in the Americas.

Holland in the tropics; Curacao's tourist boom

By JAMES MONTAGNES

At Willemstad, Curacao, the narrow, high gabled houses, the canals filled with small cargo sailing boats, and the wooden lift bridges across the waterways remind you of Amsterdam. You'll hear Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamento spoken on the streets and in the stores, with Dutch the official language when you arrive by ship or by air.

Though Willemstad is a bit of Holland transplanted into the tropics, it differs essentially from the homeland in one respect — the weather. Curacao is always warm, with breezes from the Caribbean to make life comfortable. And the sun shines most of the year; it seldom rains.

Curacao has been having a tourist boom in recent years. More and more North Americans have come to this pleasnat low island for a day or a few weeks to relax, walk its narrow streets, watch its busy harbor life.

Its colorful population consits of South Americans, descendants of slaves from Africa who speak mainly Papiamento, East Indians from the former Netherlands empire, Chinese from that area too, Hollanders from the homeland, and tourists from everywhere.

Though the island is small, there is plenty to see. For camera fans the most pituresque spot is the daily open market along the waterfront. Here, sloops from nearby Venezuela tie up, and the owners put up tables of fresh vegetables, meat and fish from the mainland.

Little is grown on the rocky island and its people depend on Venezuela produce for their food supplies. The local shoppers, with net shopping bags, haggle about prices, discuss family problems with seagoing merchants and enjoy their leisurely marketing. Under awnings spread above the produce tables, the hot sun doesn't bother them.

For Jewish visitors a major target of their stay is a visit to the pastel-colored Mikve Israel Synagogue, the oldest in the Americas, consecrated in 1732.

Built by Spanish-Portuguese Sephardic Jews from Amsterdam, the interior of the building is a small replica of their synagogue in Amsterdam. The courtyard with its small buildings is also like that back in Holland. There is a sand floor, and when this travel reporter last visited the synagogue, the custom of the Amsterdam synagogue was continued here, with the men sitting downstairs, the ladies upstairs.

The floor was sanded, and the copper chandeliers were similar to those of the Amsterdam synagogue.

There is also an Ashkenazi Conservative synagogue, Shaarei Tsedek, while a Reform synagogue is under teconstruction. There is also a Hebrew school, and the oldest Jewish cemetery in the Americas, dating back to 1651.

There are no white buildings on the island. They were banned more than a century ago, because, legend has it, an early Dutch governor had trouble with his eyes. Dutch doctors thought the eye inflammation might be caused by the glare of the sun from the white houses everywhere. As a result white painted houses are no more on Curacao — dark sunglasses had not yet been invented.

Near the entrance to the harbor is old Fort Amsterdam, a wall-enclosed square where the island's government is located. You can watch a daily simple changing-of-the-guard ceremony here.

Oil tankers from all over the world come through the harbor to the refinery in the centre of the island. There are now three bridges across the harbor, named after Holland's last three queens. While the newest, Queen Juliana and Queen Wilhelmina bridges are high enough above the harbor entrance for ships to pass underneath, the old Queen Emma pontoon bridge, nearest to the harbor entrance, is still swung open to let ships pass in and out, while foot and motor traffic on the bridge comes to a halt.

The best view of Willemstad is from its highest point, a hill a few hundred feet high, on which sits Fort Nassau. Once a fortress, it is now a restaurant with outdoor dining and indoor accommodations in rooms lined with old Dutch blue Delft plates and tiles. At night the flames from the oil refinery's chimneys light up the view.

There is good deepsea fishing off the island, and boats can be rented in Willemstad by the day.

One of the highlights of Curacao are its gambling casinos, operated under government supervision. You can try Dutch, Indonesian, Chinese and other Oriental fare here, while North American cuisine is available.

Many cruise ships touch at Curacao and air service is good from all parts of North America and Europe. When cruise ships come into port, the shops are packed with tourists looking for duty-free jewelry, watches, cameras, liquor of all sorts and especially Curacao brandy made from small oranges grown on the island.

Not far from the waterfront market is an ultra modern statue to the 1954 independence of the six islands which make up the Netherlands Antilles. They are Curacao, Aruba, Bonnaire, Saba, Saint Maarten and St. Eustatius. The islands have a local air service as well as sea connection, have good beaches, ample tourist accommodations and some special attractions as Bonaire's colorful flamingos.

Spouse on the house

TEL AVIV —

The Tel Aviv-Sheraton has introduced a new program known as "Spouse on the House," for guests making reservations at the hotel from Jan. 5 through March 31.

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Jewish aspects of Egypt

Few Jews in Land of the Pyramids

By DIANA LERNER

Diana Lerner, a well-traveled Tel Aviv-based travel correspondent, visited Egypt accomapnying Israel's recent Presidential mission. Her concluding comment: that it is an exhilarating experience to visit Egypt, in spite of the obstacles.

Critical of some of the tourist facilities, she was fascinated by the ancient historical wonders, by the friendliness of the people and — as far as Israel is concerned — by the readiness to make peace with a former foe.

In this article from the World Zionist Press Service, Diana Lerner concentrates on the Jewish aspects of her visit in a community which once boasted of over a million souls and now has less than 200.

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We are accompanying Israel's President Yitzhak Navon to the Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue in Cairo.

As we travel through streets lined with white uniformed policemen and security guards, thousands of years of Jewish history pass over us. Egypt — where the Septuagint was produced, where Maimonides wrote his famous works, where Jewish scholarship and learning thrived, and where Jews lived and died in their hundreds of thousands over the centuries.

Now, it is hard to imagine a Jew with a kippa and tallit in the land of the pyramids, tomb worship and Sadat politics; or that there once flourished a prosperous Jewish community of a million souls here.

Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue is a magnificent structure but it is under repair. Past the scaffolding and mortar we get to a small area crowded to capacity. The Jews of Egypt have turned out in full force, all 150 of them, including Israel embassy personnel and visitors.

President Navon greets his audience in beautiful Arabic. They are thrilled to listen to him and to hear him say that we must not mourn a community that is small because most of the people who once lived there have come on aliya and are now Israelis. The audience is also thrilled with the link to the people of Israel, with President Navon's warmth and encouragement.

We talk to some of the people. Most are elderly. We ask, why they do not come to settle in Israel? Most say they are too old to change their ways. The response of one startles us. Why should not Jews from the world come here to help us to rebuild our community? Is it really so far-fetched?

"Since the establishment of the Israel embassy in Cairo," one of the elders tells us, "we hold our heads high." The influx of Israeli government officials, embassy personnel, and Jewish tourists from Israel and elsewhere, has brought dignity to the Jewish community in Egypt. Visitors ask to be taken to Egypt's synagogues, to meet Egypt's Jews, to see some of the relics of the Jewish past in the area.

The members of the Jewish community lean forward to catch a glimpse of the President and his wife, whose pictures they have seen on television in Egypt or in Israel, which many of them have visited. All the Egyptian newspapers feature photographs of President Navon in conference with President Sadat on the front page. People in the street know something is happening. Some however, have never heard of Israel.

Mrs. Ofira Navon meets members of the Jewish community in Cairo's Shaar Hashamayim Synagoague. On her right is her hostess Mrs. Zakki, wife of Egypt's minister of industry.

Present at the synagogue reception are leaders of the Alexandria Jewish community. Also an 18-year-old student at Cairo University, Michael David. His brother, he relates, is engaged to the only Jewish girl of marriageable age in Cairo. He too, hopes to marry a Jewish girl. He may have to seek her in Israel, he admits.

A 10-year-old girl is seated with her grandfather. She is dressed in white chiffon, as are the little girls we had seen serving as bridesmaids at the weddings we witnessed at our hotel. Caroline Salleh is probably the youngest Jewish child in Egypt. There are only two other children under the age of 15 and three more under 20, we are told.

There is no kosher butcher here. A Moslem has been taught to slaughter chickens according to ritual. Victoria Agam a 64-year-old midwife tells us. Victoria has just returned from a visit to her sister in Haifa. No, she would not like to join her in Israel. She likes her home, is used to the habits of her community in Egypt.

"I am a Jew in Egypt," she reiterates. "I light my candles Friday night. I have a traditional prayer book for services at the synagogue. I am proud to be Jewish, but I am too old to change my way of life," she says simply.

On Pesach, she, as other Jews in Egypt, gets matzot from Israel and the U.S. and can celebrate the holiday. They fast on Yom Kippur, attend services in the synagogue other times.

The following day, we went on our own to visit Alexandria. Once the greatest Jewish city in the world, Alexandria has only 130 Jews now. At the Great Synagogue, an impressive structure, erected for the more than quarter of a million Jews who had once resided there, we find a large group of tourists. They are Israelis and Jewish visitors interested as I am in seeing something of Jewish life here. The courtyard and magnificent interior are impressive. The rabbi is 95 years old and frail, the shammes also past 80.

Most of the Jewish residents, we learn, are elderly and unable to work. We did meet one, who is a tailor and observes he has a busy practice, and is satisfied to remain in Egypt. He admits his children have married Egyptians, but they respect Jewish tradition, he says.

Later, at Alexandria's Graeco Roman Museum, a treasure house of splendid monuments, statues, chariots, arts and inscriptions representing the glory of the period, we caught sight of a stone with familiar carvings. It was a tombstone with Hebrew inscription, too faded to read. We could only make out the word Matzeva. We looked for others and found other Hebrew relics in the museum's courtyard.

Hope for a Jewish community there? Probably not. The only glimmer comes from those who settled in Israel and have become part of the Jewish state. With the advent of peace in the area, there will be at least a revival of contact between the two.

The visit to Israel of a group of Egyptian tourist agents, here to promote Egyptian tourism to Israel, is at all events a good sign.

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TORONTO —

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Teenagers from across Canada and even a few from the U.S. and Israel have traveled in the caravan, said Auerbach, who is a social worker with a Master's degree from Yeshiva University. This is the fourth year of the program.

He added that it's "a great chance for small town kids to meet other Jewish kids. . . . We take them to anything we think will be interesting."

There are five staff members on each bus, one in charge and the other four as counsellors. Auerbach said the staff members are all over 21.

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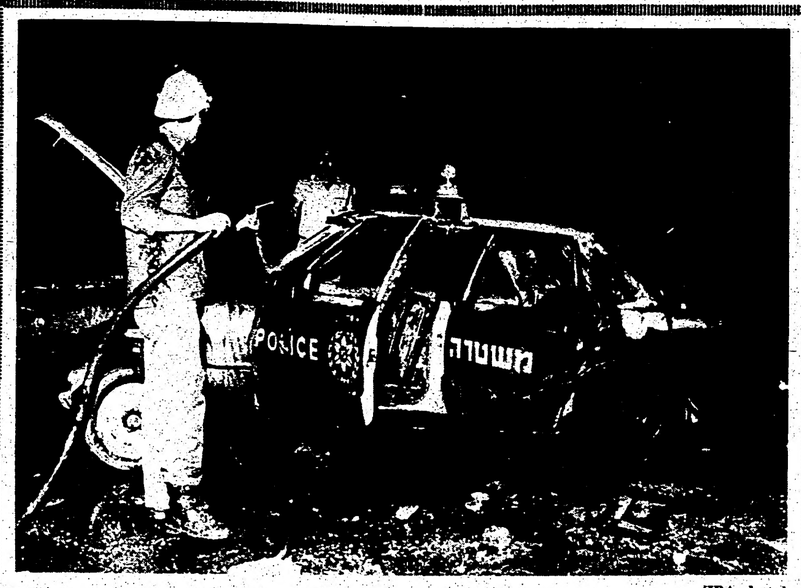

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A police car was totally burned by residents of a Jerusalem suburb, protesting an injury suffered by a local 17-year-old. Several policemen and residents were hurt in the demonstration.

Volunteer works over 7,000 hours

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

Issie Grossman has accumulated over 7,000 hours as a volunteer at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Since he started in April, 1972, Grossman, 73, who refers to his volunteer work as his "second career," performs various jobs including operating the dietary elevator, helping with swim classes and going on outings with daycare center participants.

The five separate establishments providing different levels of care under the Baycrest umbrella are: Jewish Home for the Aged, a residence providing complete care; Baycrest Terrace, a residence providing minimal care; Baycrest Hospital, a non-sectarian chronic care and rehabilitative hospital; Baycrest Day Care Service, a non-sectarian daytime program that is structured and supportive; and The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, a non-sectarain senior adult centre with multiple program and activity choice.

Grossman decided to become a volunteer after it was discovered that his brother from Israel had a brain tumor and was admitted to the centre. "I fed him for seven months and it gave me the inspiration. I said when I retired, I would help out." Grossman used to be a tailor.

His dedication should be an inspiration to other volunteers. He comes in at 10 in the morning and after operating the elevator, "I do whatever additional work they have."

He said his wife is happy that he spends all day at the centre. Whether he is talking about his work or leading a visitor through the corridors, acknowledging by name and pleasantries just about everyone he meets, Grossman obviously enjoys his second career.

"I'm not looking for an easy way out, and anything they need, if I can help, I help." He sternly

Issie Grossman

added that "you have to be devoted . . . I would go crazy at home and I tell people it's because I come here I don't get older."

During Chanukah, he helped with one of the parties and brought people in wheelchairs from the hospital to the auditorium. He also used to assist with dancing classes because "I was the only man in the program and I knew a lot about dancing."

Grossman often goes on outings and participants have been taken to the Art Gallery, the Science Centre, plays, and to barbecues. While on these outings, he said "you have to be very alert and keep an eye the whole time" on the person you are taking care of.

There is also a swim program at the pool in the Wagman Centre. Grossman said he had a two-day training session with the Red Cross, and at one point he was blindfolded so he would know how blind people felt in the water.

Evaluation meetings are held after trips and "mazel tov nights," where the volunteers meet with a staff person and express their feelings about the program. Grossman is also a member of the volunteer services planning committee, which plans how to attract more volunteers and recommends policies affecting them.

Grossman's one complaint is that he feels some volunteers take their responsibilities too lightly. "If somebody takes on something let them feel they are obligated. . . . If you want to come here to help, you have to do it wholeheartedly." But then he sighed and said in Yiddish, "In the water there are all kinds of fish."

For his own dedication, Grossman has received a plaque and recognition from the Baycrest Men's Service Group.

Anne Rubenstein, Baycrest outreach worker and volunteer co-ordinator, said there are 600 volunteers. She said some volunteers are as young as 13. There are a variety of programs where volunteers are needed, including arts and crafts, music and movement, cooking, drama and Yiddish reading. There is also work behind the scenes — in the pharmacy, reception area and in the offices.

If you are interested in working as a volunteer at the Baycrest Centre, call 789-5131, ext. 288.

Former Refusenik tells West to make human rights a priority

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Canada has grain to sell. The Soviet Union has Jews to sell. If Canada wants to help get Jews out of the USSR, start bargaining. Make sure nothing is free. The Soviets understand this kind of give-and-take.

That was the straightforward message delivered by former Refusenik Naum Salansky, who is now an adjunct professor at the aerospace institute at the University of Toronto and a senior scientist at 3M Canada.

Salansky spoke at a recent all-day conference on Soviet Jewry at Beth Tzedec Synagogue which was sponsored by Beth Tzedec's men's club and Soviet Jewry committee, and the Soviet Jewry committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. Conference chairmen were Jeanette Goldman and Dr. Samuel Spivak.

Salansky's theme, like Lara's Theme from the film by Dr. Zhivago, was played over and over again by speaker after speaker, all of whom stressed that human rights would be no priority with the USSR unless the West made it a priority.

Appeals to human conscience are useless . . . use the political process for all its worth, counselled Conservative MP King, who just returned from Madrid as a member of the Commons sub-committee on security and co-operation in Europe.

King, who modestly referred to himself as just a "naive guy from a fruit farm in the Okanagan Valley in B.C.," said his eyes were opened at the Madrid Review of the Helsinki Accords.

"The West won't get anything out of Russians that they don't see as advancing their own cause," King said. "Human rights is their trump card and they will use it for all its worth, and so should we."

King said he was raised in a loving Baptist home which practiced respect for humanity, and that he cried when he read about Refusniks such as former Soviet war hero Lev Ovsisher and Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Scharansky.

But he advised his audience "not to wallow in sentimentality" before the big Russian bear. "Push your MPs hard for action," he urged. "Soviet emigration will be as big an issue as you make it. Politicians like to be on the right side of issues."

King also advised committees of Soviet Jewry to be specific in their petitions. Name names, he said. Also, follow through on the recommendation made in Madrid for an internal monitoring committee on human rights violations.

Stressing that linkage — people with deals — was definitely the strategy of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry (CCSJ), Martin Penn, CCSJ national director, pointed out, however, that protests and street demonstrations showed politicians that the issue of Soviet Jews is still alive.

"Political bargaining is the name of the game," said Penn, "but we have to give our politicians something to point to when they claim to represent their constituencies."

The urgency for firm advocacy on behalf of Soviet Jewry committee all over the world was stressed. Dr. Thodore Friedgut, senior lecturer in Russian studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

"There is no tomorrow for Jewish life in the Soviet Union," said Friedgut. He predicted that in the next generation — outside of a few cultural relics — there would be no living Jewish community with a shared identity.

He said that 2,500 years of Jewish life in Russia would disappear in an abyss of fear, old age and a shrinking birth rate.

In 80 years the Soviet Jewish population has shrunk from about 5½ millions in 1897 to about 1¾ million in 1979. In 1970 nearly 60% were said to be over 40 years of age and beyond child-bearing. Mostly, it is the young who are leaving Russia. Where intermarriage occurs, children usually take on the identity of the non-Jewish parent.

Friedgut punctured hopes that a Jewish community could persist in Russia. "It's too late," he said emphatically. "Those who remain will have to either hide or forget their Jewishness because Russia is no place to proclaim a Jewish identity."

Examining the contradiction in official government policy towards the Jews, Friedgut said the Soviet Union was in a state of crisis in which it found it still needed the expertise of its skilled Jewish professionals.

"The Jews are not as easily replaced as originally thought," said Friedgut, "especially in fields of science and mathematics. The Jews also stay sober on the job," he added, alluding to the massive problem of alcoholism that exists in the USSR.

But the writing was on the wall for all those with eyes to see, Friedgut said. Whole areas of institutional life were being closed to Jews. Friedgut ticked off the following areas where a Jew is persona non grata — defence, national security, sciences, international trade and diplomacy — and even culture.

He said applications for jobs and universities were tricky "screening processes" where anyone with the "taint" of Jewish blood, even in grandparents, is being shut out.

In commenting on the "split personalities" of Soviet Jews, Friedgut related the anecdote of a Jewish travel agent who was leading a tour of visitors on a boat trip up the Volga.

Publicly, he said, she claimed that Jews have a good life in Russia, and that she was an example of the government's liberal attitude towards its Jews. Privately, she recommended that he speak to her uncle who would also, she said, give a "proper" picture of life in the Soviet Union.

The uncle revealed that Soviet Jews were paralyzed by the intimidation and harassment that befell them if they ever tried to assert their Jewish identity.

"There is no possibility of reconstituting Jewish life in the Soviet Union," Friedgut said passionately. "Get them out now."

Israel consul in New York City, Sarah Frankel, echoed Friedgut's plea to accelerate the push for Soviet emigration.

Frankel also delivered heavy criticism against those who would not bother with the "noshrim" — Soviet Jews who get out on Israeli visas and settle anywhere but Israel. It is a sensitive issue, Frankel admitted, but she bluntly advised North American Jews not to worry so much about where the Russian Jews go.

"As an Israeli, I say our first obligation as Jews is to help get the Refuseniks out. Worry about whether they go to Israel afterwards. They are better off anywhere else but the Soviet Union. At least get them out into the West," she said.

Although voicing pessimism about the future of Jewish communal life in the Soviet Union, Frankel said there was still an obligation to send Jewish resource material to those who wanted to stay. She said books with Jewish themes were still being printed in the Russian language, and radio programs would continue to be broadcast inside the Soviet Union — with or without government knowledge.

Focusing on the role of the Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, Bert Raphael, chairman of CLJSJ, described that group's attempts to reach out to Soviet jurists as totaly "futile."

Raphael described to The CJN a trip to the Soviet Union where Canadian lawyers met with their Russian counterparts as "bizarre."

The Canadians were bussed to a theatre where Soviet officials sat formally on stage. After listening to prepared messages from the "actors," the Canadians got a few minutes to ask questions which weren't answered, and then everyone left — the Canadians departing as a group out the front and the Soviets ushered out separately through the back exit.

The function of CLJSJ — a group of about 500 Canadian lawyers which was founded five years ago — is now to act as a pressure group, said Raphael. He said that when his group approaches cabinet ministers and parliamentarians, it asks for tradeoffs.

"We link wheat to human rights," he said. "And when we talk human rights, we talk about specific violations." He said a failure of public pressure on the political system would mean a failure to obtain emigration for Soviet Jews.

Every Soviet Jew who wants to leave should be able to leave, he said. "That's the bottom line on our agenda for human rights. It's not enough merely to ask for reunification of families."

Professor and poet will teach new courses at Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —

A history professor and a poet are two new additions to Beth Tzedec Congregation's Beth Midrash for the winter 1981 semester.

Joseph Shatzmiller, head of the Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto, will be offering a course on Jewish self-government in the Middle Ages. Danny Siegel, author of five books of poetry, will be discussing the lives of Talmudic rabbis. Both courses will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 13.

A history of modern Israel, by Arnold Ages, University of Waterloo professor, and a look at Jewish ethical wills in the Middle Ages, by U of T professor Frank Talmage, are other courses to be given Tuesday evenings.

Five new courses kick off the Beth Midrash program, on Monday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. These include: "The History and Geography of the Siddur," by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg; "The Book of Numbers," given by Rabbi Robert Binder; and "Celebrating the Shabbat," by Cantor Paul Kowarsky.

Registration is invited for students interested in learning to follow the prayer book in Hebrew. Individual tutors will be assigned. Registration and information about an elementary Hebrew conversation course by Mrs. Yael Gordon can be obtained at the shul office at 781-3511. These two language courses both run on Monday evenings at 8.

The shul is also presenting a series of lectures and programs starting in January for which no fee is required. These include:

• A men's club series by Avner Shaki, professor of law at Tel Aviv University and visiting professor at Osgoode Hall, on the topic "Who is a Jew According to the Laws of Israel." The series includes:

"Legal and halachic Aspects of Who is a Jew," Jan. 11, at 10 a.m.; "Religion and State in the Jewish State," Jan. 18, at 10 a.m.; "Marriage and divorce in Israel," Jan. 25, at 10 a.m.

• A discussion on the Zionist revolution, by Prof. Harold Fisch, of Bar Ilan University, on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m.

• A series of lectures in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, by Rabbi Gershon Winer of Brandeis University, on Feb. 21 and 22.

• Classes and lectures on Talmudic themes, by Rabbi Joel Roth of the Jewish Theological Seminary, March 28, 29.

Ongoing classes which may be joined in progress at no charge at the Beth Tzedec include: a Wednesday lunch Bible study session, led by Rabbi Friedberg; a Saturday morning thematic analysis of the Torah reading, by Arnold Ages; and a pre-mincha Saturday class in Rashi, by Andor Heisz.

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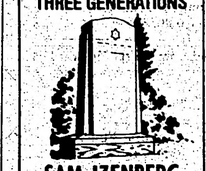

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The Kol U'Demama (Sound and Silence) dance group. Photo by Yoram Rubin.

Wood knocks transmit rhythms to deaf dancers in Israeli troupe

By PAULA RUBIN

JERUSALEM —

They dance to music they cannot hear. They communicate music through their bodies. They signal dance cues with knocks on a wooden floor.

The deaf are dancing in Israel. Integrated with hearing dancers, they are part of the internationally-acclaimed Kol U'Demama — Sound and Silence — dance troupe.

A unique system of wood knocks and "rhythmic circles" transmits dance rhythms to the deaf. Kol U'Demama's artistic director, choreographer Moshe Efrati, independently developed this system and plans to publish a book on it.

"The knocking on wood sends vibrations from the floor through the feet to the knee of the dancer. His reaction is a movement," explained Efrati.

"A closed (rhythmic) circle is formed," added Efrati, "as the hearing dance to music, and the deaf dance to signals from the hearing dancers' bodies."

Specified leg and arm movements, hand claps and foot stamps comprise Efrati's dance language.

"But even if you watch for the signals, you can't tell the difference between the deaf and hearing dancers," said Kol U'Demama dancer Esther Nadler. "Sometimes while a hearing dancer dances in silence, a deaf dancer will give a cue with his leg," she added.

Music is performed only when the hearing dance on stage. When the deaf alone dance on stage, they dance in silence (outside of the wood knocks).

It was Efrati's desire to honestly use music during deaf performances which led him to create a dance troupe for both the hearing and the deaf. In 1978, he merged his troupe of deaf dancers, Demama (Utter Silence), with his troupe for the hearing, Efrati. The result was Kol U'Demama — Sound and Silence.

Demama began as a pantomime circle for the deaf organized in 1965 by The Israel Association of the Deaf. In 1966, Moshe Efrati, then a principal dancer for Bat-Sheva, was invited to lead the group. Sensing a "strength, energy and freshness" in the deaf, Efrati fathered rhythmic circle and developed the deaf into a professional dance company. He founded the Efrati dance troupe in 1974.

His merger of seven deaf and seven hearing dancers in Kol U'Demama four years later introduced new dance techniques for the deaf and a new sense of communication for the hearing.

"Something new happened. The quality of dance relationship on the stage changed," said Esther Nadler, who helped found the Efrati troupe.

"We learned from the deaf to communicate, to express ourselves much more fully. More levels and layers developed in the dance," said dancer Arie Bursztyn.

"We became flexible," said deaf dancer Yola Rozinek. "Before we began dancing with the hearing, our technique was only modern and very strong rhythmically," she added.

"With the hearing, we began studying the classical technique," said Amon Damti. "This enabled us to progress technically."

Although their pronunciation is slurred, the deaf dancers communicate with the hearing via verbal speech. They also read lips.

Kol U'Demama is funded jointly by Moshe Efrati, the Israel Association of the Deaf and the Kinneret Foundation, based in the United States.

The dance company's meagre budget means low salaries for its dedicated dancers. Ranging in age from 16 to 30, each dancer works a private profession in addition to dancing. Painting, sociology, teaching, ceramic art and moshav farming are among their second occupations. The youngest member of the troupe is a student at an ORT vocational school.

Sets are bare. Costumes are simply styled. "We try to make something from nothing," said Efrati.

Music to counterpoint wood knocks is specially composed by Israeli composers including Naomi Sheriff and Zvi Avner. Efrati also composes his own music, sounding the voices of deaf dancers; the deaf repeat select words against a background of wood knocks and percussion instruments.

Choreography is an individualized Efrati mixture of classical ballet and Martha Graham. Interpersonal relationships, biblical subjects and the philosophy of Martin Buber compose the themes for Efrati's works.

Kol U'Demama has toured the United States, Bulgaria and, most recently, Paris, with Munich next. Enthusiastic reveiws acclaimed the dancers everywhere.

An ambassador of Israeli culture, Kol U'Demama is also "Israel's number one dance troupe," according to Issachar Goldrath, director-general of the Israel Association of the Deaf. "It represents the achievements of Israel both in art and rehabilitation."

(World Zionist Press Service).

Durbin advises skiers to take lessons; hall of fame honors stars from past

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Vern Durbin has been skiing seriously for the past 10 years. For eight of those years, Durbin has been a part-time ski instructor.

He said he's biased when he recommends that people take ski lessons, but notes: "With proper instruction a person becomes more confident. In the beginning I was self-taught . . . and I really don't know how I survived."

Durbin pointed out that, in the last year, ski accidents were down, and he ventured to guess that the reason was because of proper instruction.

"It should be a gradual method of learning," the administrator for the Advisory Committee of the Ladies Cloak and Suit Industry told Sports Scene. "But I'm a firm believer that there are few people who can't learn to ski. It all has to do with attitude.

"Each person is different, but a lot of people who want to try skiing are afraid to because of what they've heard about accidents, or because of the pictures they've seen of accidents."

When Durbin first began skiing as a youngster it definitely wasn't a popular sport. But there was a large hill near his childhood Toronto home, and every couple of years Durbin would take a few runs down it. "But none of my friends skied and most people don't go skiing unless they go with a friend."

Durbin, who, for three years, was the assistant ski school director of the High Park Ski Club, said most suffer a major accident in their skiing adventures. His accident was a double-spiral fracture of the shinbone that left his leg at a right angle. "I was in traction for seven weeks and in bed at home for another three months.

"The first time I got the okay to ski again was very traumatic, but after one or two runs everything was just great."

Vern Durbin

Because of his accident, Durbin has become very keen on lessons and conditioning. (In fact, he just finished giving a course in ski conditioning at the Bloor branch of the JCC.)

Each week he gets a review lesson for himself and then he gives a lesson to some of the members of the High Park club. He was voted instructor of the year for the club and that's quite an honor when you consider there are 80 ski instructors there.

Durbin said the club is one of the great deals in skiing because it only costs the 3,000 members $55 each a year. With that, they get buses and lifts at reduced rates.

He said the lessons are free, so all in all, "it's a very inexpensive way to be able to afford to ski."

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Last week Sports Scene mentioned that Canada's Bobbie Rosenfeld and Louis Rubenstein will be entered into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, prior to the 1981 Maccabiah Games.

The others to be honored are:

• Daniel Mendoza (1764-1836). He came from Great Britain and is considered the father of scientific boxing. Also, throughout the British Isles he's been acclaimed as the world's greatest fighter.

• Irina Kirszenstein-Szewinska, of Poland, was a gold medalist in track and field at the 1968 Olympics.

• Angelica Rozeanu, of Romania, and Viktor Barna, of Hungary, for table tennis.

• Agnes Keleti, of Hungary, was a gold medalist at the 1952 and 1956 Olympics, in gymnastics.

• Alfred Hajos-Guttman, of Hungary, was a swimming gold medal winner at the 1896 Olympic Games.

• Elias Katz won a gold medal at the 1924 Olympics for Poland. Katz was killed in the 1948 Israel War of Independence.

• Alfred Flatow won a gymnastics gold medal at the 1896 Olympics for Germany.

• Eva Szekely, of Hungary, won a swimming gold medal at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

• Sir Ludwig Gutman, of Great Britain . . . for his work in promoting sports competition for the handicapped.

• Zvi Nishri, of Israel, said to be that country's father of physical education.

• Harold Abrahams, who was a gold medalist in track at the 1924 Olympics, for Great Britain.

• Leon Rotman, of Romania, won a gold medal for canoeing at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

• Hugo Meisl, of Austria, is one of Europe's foremost soccer coaches.

• Alexander Gomelski, of the USSR, is acknowledged to be the developer of Russian basketball.

• Angela Buxton, of Great Britain, who was a doubles champion at Wimbledon when she teamed with Althea Gibson.

• Bela Gutmann, of Hungary-Austria, was a member of the famous soccer team, the Vienna Hakoah Eleven. In later years, Gutmann coached soccer in Europe and South America.

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Ian Staniloff, who curls second for Ron Westcott, picked up $3,000 when his team captured top spot in Pacific Western Airlines Curling Classic. The Westcott team pulled in a total of $12,000 and it was the biggest payday for any team members in competitive curling.

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The B'nai B'rith Invitational Hockey Tournament will be held from Dec. 27 to 31 at the North York Centennial Arena. Four teams will be taking part in the event that begins at 9 p.m. on the 27th. A group of Western Canadian Jewish all-stars will be one of the teams competing against two Toronto teams and one Ottawa team.

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The 1970s was probably the finest decade in the history of thoroughbred racing. It was the decade that gave us three Triple Crown winners — Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed.

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John Silverman, Toronto Blue Jays' popular equipment manager, is returning to his home town of Montreal to assume duties as assistant equipment manager. He will be taking over as Expos' equipment manager next season. Silverman told The CJN he'll miss all his friends in Toronto, but "it's nice to be going home."

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Glickstein doesn't shine in tennis tournament

By MARV GLASSMAN

MONTREAL —

Israel tennis professional Shlomo Glickstein was eliminated early from semi-final action at last week's world championship Challenge Cup tournament at the Maurice Richard Arena, losing consecutive matches to the United States' Harold Solomon, 5-7 and 3-6, and to Eliot Teltscher, 4-6 and 1-6, both Jewish players.

The WCT $320,000 Challenge Cup is a round-robin 8-player invitational tournament. Once a player loses two matches he is automatically eliminated from the semi-final round.

Therefore Glickstein's third match against Peter Fleming, also of the U.S., although an upset win, was not enough to get him into the play offs.

Recently named Israel's athlete of the year, Glickstein said he "felt a lot of pressure because everybody, including myself, expected a great deal of me." The 22-year-old native of Ashkelon turned professional in April, 1979, shortly after leaving the army.

Although Glickstein's ranking moved from 200th to 53rd in one year, he realized it is much tougher to move below that position at the same pace. Considering that his opponents in the Challenge Cup are ranked in the top 10, the odds were against his finishing high up.

Nevertheless, Glickstein did have his moments. If tennis was only a one-set affair, Glickstein would have been a greater threat to Solomon, Teltscher and Fleming. After close exchanges in the first set against both Solomon and Teltscher, Glickstein was clearly outclassed in the second sets.

Glickstein started off impressively in his opening match against Solomon, a 28-year-old veteran ranked seventh in the world. Glickstein's powerful serves provided two aces in game three of set one to lead Solomon 2-1. He also showed great volleying ability in the fourth game, despite losing it to Solomon.

Glickstein earned his first service break in the eighth game, knotting the score at 4-4. From the fifth game, the match was fairly even. But in the 10th game the tables turned against him.

In the second set, Glickstein looked lax and lost his composure. On the other hand, Solomon was poised and confident. Although the score looked close at 6-3, Solomon led at one point 5-1 and coasted to victory.

Unfortunately for Glickstein, the scenario was repeated the following night against Teltscher. After a close first set loss to the 21-year-old Californian, already 10th-ranked, Glickstein won the first game of the second set through a service break.

That could have been an indication of another close encounter in the second set. However, again Glickstein lost his form and missed routine shots. He repeatedly hit the net and double faulted on his serves. Teltscher won the next six games and the match.

"I lost confidence and double faulted on his serves. Teltscher won the next six games and the match.

"I lost confidence and was not mentally right in the second set of the matches," Glickstein said.

Glickstein's slowness — probably due to the 185 pounds on his 5-foot-11 frame (his powerful legs are like tree trunks) — cost him on the shots that require finesse at the net. In the end, his opponents knew that he could be beaten on the cross-court shots near the net.

"Shlomo's forehand and second serve were fairly weak," Solomon said. "He will become a better player, but he should lose weight."

The mental aspects of Glickstein's game should also be improved, according to Teltscher. "I beat Glickstein mainly because of my aggressive play and confidence," he said. "After playing tennis for a while, I started to develop a 'killer instinct' to win; that's what Glickstein needs."

Albert Abugov newly appointed to CJF posting

TORONTO —

The Council of Jewish Federations has appointed Albert Abugov community consultant for the council's Canadian office in Toronto. He replaces Steve Ain, who has joined the staff of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Established in 1978, the Canadian office provides CJF member federations in Canada more direct access to council resources and services.

In addition to the Canadian-based staff, specialists based in council's New York headquarters are called to Canada on a regular basis for consultation in their areas of expertise. Along with serving Canadian Jewish community federations in the gamut of their responsibilities, the office assists the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry in gathering data and staffing the NBC.

Abugov brings to his new position experience as a social work administrator and educator, with extensive programming, fund raising and organizational background.

As an assistant professor at the University of Toronto school of social work for the past seven years, Abugov taught several practice - related courses in community work, social planning, social welfare and skill training. Previous to that, he spent from 1969 to 1971 teaching at Israel's Bar Ilan University.

From 1962 to 1969, as assistant director of Toronto Jewish Congress, he helped initiate a comprehensive two-year demographic and needs study of the community and Toronto's first and largest meals - on - wheels program.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Abugov obtained his MSW from McGill University and his PhD. in social work from the University of Toronto.

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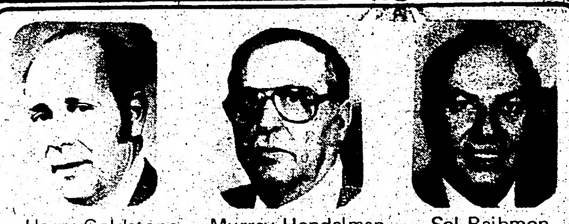

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